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Left: Lance Cpl. Jackson Wishin dashes from the starting point as Hank Temple, Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station New Car Sales representative, starts timing. Wishin filled his cart with \$880 worth of meat and a few other items during a one-minute commissary shopping spree Wednesday at Iwakuni in Japan. He was the third-place winner in a drawing for commissary shopping spree sponsored by Iwakuni's New Car Sales. Above: Gunnery Sgt. Sal Cardella, standing in for fellow American Forces Network servicemember Gunnery Sgt. Kyle Olson, tosses a couple of hams into his cart. Cardella grabbed nearly \$1,000 worth of meat and also filled a second cart with other goods during a three-minute shopping spree Wednesday. Olson had been selected as the winner in the drawing but was TDY.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Serial killings suspect: Lawyers for Derrick Todd Lee, unable to save him from a first-degree murder conviction, now will try to keep the serial killings suspect alive by asking jurors to reject the death penalty in his case.

Jurors took just over an hour Tuesday to find Lee, already sentenced to life in prison for another killing, guilty for the slaying of 22-year-old Charlotte Murray Pace in 2002.

The panel will begin hearing testimony Wednesday to determine whether Lee should be executed.

Gorilla escape: A \$10,000 fine has been levied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture against Dallas over the March escape of a gorilla from the Dallas Zoo, officials say.

Zoo officials have said that Jabari, a 340-pound gorilla, leaped across a moat and wall before going on a 40-minute rampage. Four people were injured before police shot and killed the gorilla.

The city attorney's office says it is reviewing the judge in the Agriculture Department. Zoo officials said the penalty was contained in a letter sent in September.

Organ removal case: A prosecutor said Tuesday no criminal charges will be filed against doctors accused of taking vital organs from a suicide victim without making sure he was legally dead.

Colorado District Attorney Tom Rynes said he agreed with a panel of experts who concluded William Rardin, 31, was legally brain dead before doctors harvested his organs for transplant last month.

Montrose County Coroner Mark Young last week ruled Rardin died from "removal of his internal organs by an organ recovery team." He said two western Colorado hospitals failed to properly declare the man brain dead before his heart and other organs were removed.

The panel looking into Rardin's death included coroners, doctors, prosecutors and a representative of Donor Alliance, the agency that coordinates organ donations in Colorado and Wyoming.

Voter registration suit: A coalition of unions sued Florida elections officials Tuesday, arguing that thousands of voters have been disenfranchised by the rejection of their voter registration forms.

The lawsuit is similar to one filed by Democrats last week. It accuses Secretary of State Glenda Hood of violating federal law for telling the state's 67 elections supervisors that they should reject incomplete voter-registration forms.

Hood's office told the supervisors to disqualify voters who failed to check a box confirming they are U.S. citizens, even if they signed an oath on the same form swearing they are. Officials have maintained that state and federal law require the box to be checked.

Spector transcripts: Over the objections of prosecutors, a judge Tuesday sealed transcripts of grand jury proceedings that led to the indictment of rock producer Phil Spector on a murder charge.

But Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David S. Wesley had transferred the case to the trial judge, Larry Paul Fidler, and said he wanted to give his fellow jurist a chance to review the transcripts before deciding whether to release them to the public.

Spector was indicted last month in the slaying of actress Lana Clarkson at his Alhambra mansion in February 2003.

The motion to seal the transcripts was filed by Spector's defense attorneys.

Peterson trial: In Redwood City, Calif., the judge in the Scott Peterson murder trial on Tuesday delayed the start of the defense case for a week.

Judge Alfred A. Deluchi said the delay was the result of "legal issues." Prosecutors asked for the delay to prepare their rebuttal to photos provided along with the defense's latest list of witnesses, sources familiar with the case told The AP.

Business

Fannie Mae suits: Fannie Mae, accused by regulators of manipulating earnings, said Tuesday that the Justice Department has asked it to preserve records relating to its accounting practices as part of a criminal investigation.

In addition, the giant mortgage funding company said investors have filed or are preparing eight lawsuits against the company, chairman and chief executive Franklin Raines, and chief financial officer J. Timothy Howard. The suits generally allege that Fannie's accounting violated federal securities laws, the company said in a regulatory filing. Another suit filed against members of Fannie's board of directors alleges a "breach of fiduciary duties," Fannie said.

US Airways deal: US Airways reached agreement with its lenders, including the federal government, to conditionally extend a financing arrangement that allows the company to operate while in bankruptcy.

The new deal extends until Jan. 15 an arrangement that allows the airline to tap funds from a \$900 million government-backed loan the airline received when it emerged from its first trip into bankruptcy in March 2003.

The previous deal had been set to expire on Friday.

World

Bosnia border security: Bosnia has intensified security along Bosnia-Herzegovina's borders following reports that war-crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic is hiding in neighboring Serbia-Montenegro, Bosnian media reported Wednesday.

The Sarajevo daily Dnevni Avaz quoted an unnamed state border service official as saying that Karadzic most probably would want to return to the Serb half of Bosnia. Media in Serbia-Montenegro have reported that he was in hiding in the vicinity of the Montenegrin sea resort Budva.

Milosevic trial: Slobodan Milosevic's attorney told the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, on Wednesday that the number of defense witnesses willing to appear in court is at a critical low.

Many witnesses failed to testify on Milosevic's behalf refused to appear after the former Yugoslav president was barred from conducting his own defense, his lawyer Steven Kay said.

He said some witnesses might "reconsider their positions" after an appeals court rules on whether to allow Milosevic to again represent himself, as he did during the first two years of his trial. A hearing on the appeal is set for Oct. 21, but it was not clear when the five-judge appellate court would deliver its ruling.

Military

Missile defense: The military plans to place a sixth ballistic missile interceptor inside a silo at Fort Greely, Alaska, by the end of the month, nearing the end of the initial test phase for a national defense system critics contend is still highly flawed.

To prepare for activation, the military is conducting exercises and tests at the Interior or Alaska post, where five of the 55-foot-long rockets have been installed since July, as an essential component of the Bush administration's national security policy.

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By JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

Navy flocks: Have you ever wondered how to shelter homeless people on your base? Are you unsure how to conduct foreign military sales with the Federal Republic of Germany?

If so, you're now on your own. Last month, Secretary of the Navy Gordon England canceled more than a dozen outdated and no longer relevant instructions, according to a recent Navy message.

"As part of our ongoing effort to improve effectiveness and efficiency within the Department of the Navy," the message opened, "we initiated a review of all SECNAV instructions. This review has proceeded exceedingly well." Some of the canceled instructions and regulations are out of

date, such as SECNAV Notes 5120 and 7401, which direct the Navy's 1998 U.S. Savings Bond campaign and the "Procurement Request for Overprinted Wage and Tax Statement, IRS Form W-2 for 1998."

Some just sound unusual, such as the SECNAV instruction 11103.2, the Navy's "Shelter for the Homeless Program."

So, if you have questions about the "Establishment of New Name and Mission Statement for the Naval Undersea Museum, Keyport, Washington" you'd better call the museum directly, because 1987's SECNAV instruction 5430.94 has hereby been canceled.

The list of canceled instructions is available at www.bu-pers.navy.mil/alanav/04/aln04081.txt. So, if you have questions about the "Establishment of New Name and Mission Statement for the Naval Undersea Museum, Keyport, Washington" you'd better call the museum directly, because 1987's SECNAV instruction 5430.94 has hereby been canceled.

"As we streamline, simplify and reduce SECNAV instructions, it is my intention that all echelons within the naval service do likewise," England wrote.

The message also states that another 300 instructions are being reviewed "with the expectation that most will be either significantly revised and/or canceled" by year's end.

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Canceled instructions

Below is a list of some of the instructions that have been canceled:

- SECNAVINST 1370.06 — "Visits of Civilian Religious Leaders to Military Installations in Overseas Areas";
- SECNAVINST 4900.36A — "Foreign Military Sales Between the U.S. and the Federal Republic of Germany";
- SECNAVNOTE 5030 — "Assignment of a Name to a Dock Landing Ship";
- SECNAVINST 5070.3A — "Naval Service General Library Program";
- SECNAVNOTE 5120 — "1998 U.S. Savings Bond Campaign";
- SECNAVINST 5430.94 — "Establishment of New Name and Mission Statement for the Naval Undersea Museum, Keyport, Washington";
- SECNAVNOTE 7401 — "Procurement Request for Overprinted Wage and Tax Statement, IRS Form W-2 for 1998";
- SECNAVINST 7710.3 — "Ship Cost Adjustment (SCA) Report";
- SECNAVINST 11101.70A — "Homeowners Assistance Program";
- SECNAVINST 11103.2 — "Shelter for the Homeless Program";
- SECNAVINST 11300.1A — "Utility Services; Sale of"

Another 300 instructions are being reviewed for relevance and by year's end will be either kept or canceled.

— Stars and Stripes

Teacher named best of the year in DODDS Japan

By GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

IWAKUNI MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, Japan — It's not that Roger Coryer doesn't appreciate being named Department of Defense Dependents Schools Japan District Teacher of the Year, he does.

"It feels really good to get some kind of recognition for something you've been doing all your life," said the 54-year-old sixth-grade math and science teacher at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School.

It's just that, interviewed this week in his classroom, he seemed as excited — perhaps more so — when recounting how a student from the 1970s now is teaching in high school, "and he said it had a lot to do with the impression I was able to make on him all those years ago. Now that's truly rewarding."

On a day-to-day basis, Coryer said, the best rewards come from seeing a pupil's eyes light up when they "experience one of what we call the 'Aha!' moments. Suddenly smiling, clicking and they get it, and it can open whole new horizons for them from that point."

Such an "Aha!" moment from a more recent pupil may have led to this teach-

er-of-the-year award.

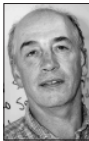
"This all started because one of my former students wrote a letter to our principal, and in the letter she told the principal why I should be the teacher of the year," he said. "Then the principal encouraged me to apply, which obviously I did."

Once they received the applications, District upper-tier administrators interviewed several teachers in the running for the 2004-05 school year award.

"I found out by telephone," said Coryer. "I was surprised. I had no clue I had won."

Coryer spent eight years teaching at Misawa Air Base, one year at Yokota Air Base, three years in Germany and three in Incirlik, Turkey, all with DODDS; in all, he's taught math and science to elementary school pupils for three decades. Still, he said Tuesday, he "never thought I had a chance. I've never won anything other than some local level certificates before this."

But teacher-of-the-year honors are becoming an Iwakuni tradition — and a fami-



Coryer

ly one. Matthew C. Perry High School musician and visual communications teacher James O. Hashman received the honor for the 2003-04 school year. And Coryer's classroom shares a door with the classroom of the 2002-03 recipient, sixth-grade language arts and social studies instructor Naomi Myer.

That's handy for more than sharing teaching tips: Myer is Coryer's wife.

Next in the Teacher of the Year award process, each overseas DODDS district winner and one from all the military schools in the United States compete for one DOD Education Activity Teacher of the Year slot. The DODEA teacher of the year competes against one nationwide public schools teacher of the year selected from a pool of state winners, and one from independent schools selected from winners nominated from each state.

At that point, usually in the late spring, one of the three finalists becomes National Teacher of the Year for 2004-05.

Does Coryer think there is a chance he'll win the top honor?

"No, I doubt it," he said. "But then again, I didn't have any confidence of being selected on the DODDS Japan District level either."

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Hester hosts first-ever PACAF war-fighting conference

By JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

Senior U.S. Air Force leaders from across the globe are in Hawaii this week to discuss the Pacific region's war-fighting capabilities and lessons learned during the ongoing war on terror.

Pacific Air Forces Commander, Gen. Paul V. Hester, is hosting the first-ever PACAF war-fighting conference — three days of meetings, discussions and briefing on the future of war-fighting in the Pacific and how to better integrate airmen into operations, according to a PACAF news release.

The conference, at Hickam Air Force Base, began Wednesday.

Capt. Dave Faggard, a PACAF spokes-

man, said the meetings give Hester — who took command of PACAF this summer — an opportunity to inform commanders of his vision for the Pacific.

"He's expressing the capabilities and limitations that could be used there associated with combat operations," Faggard said.

According to PACAF officials, the conference focuses on: the employment of air and space power in the Pacific; the perceived capabilities, limitations and employment considerations associated with operations; and the ongoing war on terror and area air defense operations in the Pacific.

The military is looking at beefing up war-fighting assets in the Pacific region. A senior PACAF official recently told the newsletter "Inside The Air Force" that PACAF is planning to permanently base in-

telligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, strike and refueling assets at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, as part of a Pacific Command "ISR strike task force." The plan includes basing fighter aircraft at Andersen, according to the report.

Faggard said that Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, will present his perspective on the evolving role of air and space power in PACOM at the conference.

Airmen with recent combat experience will discuss their experiences in the field, Faggard said.

"This is really a time for the commanders to get together and learn from each other," he said. They'll discuss "practices, techniques and lessons learned" and share that information with airmen in their units.

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Bike Tama 2004

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — About 100 cyclists will get a chance to learn about the base Sunday during Bike Tama 2004. Hosted by the Fuchu City Junior Chamber of Commerce, the riding tour takes place inside Yokota's gates from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants will gather at Fussa Gate and get a safety briefing in the parking lot near Burger King. At 10:40 a.m., the group will hear about Yokota's history at the monument area in front of the Officers' Club before riding by the passenger terminal and north runway.

After lunch and games at the picnic area near the East Housing towers, the cyclists will ride by East Elementary School, the base hospital, south runway, Par 3 golf course, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service building and Yokota Middle School. They'll be briefed near Nina Circle and the John F. Kennedy monument before a visit to U.S. Forces Japan headquarters.

Base officials said the event would be canceled if it rains.

Teen Read Week

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Base Library is sponsoring Teen Read Week Sunday through Saturday, with a chance for participants to win a \$25 gift card.

To take part, teenagers should submit an entry with name, age, phone number, book title, author and a paragraph detailing why they'd recommend that book to others. Entries will be accepted through Thursday; more than one may be turned in for different titles.

E-mail entries to valerie.england@yokota.af.mil or turn them in at the Base Library's circulation desk. Call DSN 225-7490 for more information.

LAN party

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Computer Users Group of Yokota will host a LAN gaming party from 4:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Yju Recreation Center.

Players should bring their own computers; monitors will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call DSN 227-2191 or visit www.cugy.net for more information.

From staff reports

Insurgent attacks in Iraq kill 6 U.S. soldiers

Pressure on enemy forces upped as Islam's holy month approaches

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide attack and roadside bombings killed six American soldiers, the U.S. command said Wednesday, as U.S. and Iraqi troops staged raids in Ramadi and Baquba, stepping up pressure on Sunni insurgents before this week's start of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

A suicide driver plowed into a U.S. convoy and blew up his car Wednesday in the northern city of Mosul, killing two American soldiers and wounding five, according to the military. Two of the wounded returned to duty later in the day, the military said.

It was the second deadly suicide attack against American convoys in Mosul in the past three days. One U.S. soldier was killed Monday in a similar suicide operation.

During Wednesday's raids, U.S. troops swept into the Sunni stronghold of Ramadi and joined Iraqi police and National Guardsmen in raids in Baquba after a day of fierce clashes in military enclaves stretching from the

gates of Baghdad to the Syrian border.

Last year, insurgents sharply increased their attacks against U.S. and coalition forces during Ramadan, expected to start at the end of this week. Extremists believe they win a special place in paradise if they die in a jihad, or holy war, during Ramadan.

Three of the U.S. deaths occurred late Tuesday when a roadside bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in eastern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. Another American soldier died in a bombing before dawn Wednesday in western Baghdad.

More than 1,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops launched two simultaneous raids Wednesday around Baquba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, to clear the area of insurgents.

One of the early morning operations took place just south of the city, in the village of Dalibab, said Capt. Marshall Jackson, spokesman for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Several people were detained. The other operation also took place in Baquba though no location was given.



Iraqi police stand near a burning U.S. military vehicle Wednesday after it came under attack in Mosul, Iraq.

"Basically, it's a pre-Ramadan operation just to clear up some of the area around Baquba," Jackson said.

In an unrelated attack, a police captain was killed Wednesday in a drive-by shooting near Baquba, officials said. Insurgents regularly target Iraq's security forces, which are seen as collaborators with the United States and its allies.

Meanwhile, Iraq's interim government assured the International Atomic Energy Agency that all nuclear facilities under its control were well protected.

In a letter to the U.N. Security Council on Monday, IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei said satellite photos and follow-up investigations show "widespread and ap-

parently systematic dismantlement" at sites related to Iraq's nuclear program that had once been subject to stringent monitoring.

Investigators seeking evidence to use in a future trial of Saddam Hussein uncovered more than 100 bodies in a mass grave near the northern Iraqi village of Hatra. The bodies were believed to be Kurds killed during Saddam's crackdown in 1987-88.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 1,072 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 817 died as a result of hostile action and 255 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths, Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 934 U.S. military members have died — 708 as a result of hostile action and 226 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Tuesday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Spc. Morgan N. Jacobs, 20, Santa Cruz, Calif., died Thursday of injuries received the day before when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Atilyah, Iraq, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

■ Army Pfc. Aaron J. Rusin, 19, Johnstown, Pa.; died Monday of injuries received Sunday when his vehicle came under fire in Baghdad; assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, South Korea.

Iraq calls for funds

TOKYO — Iraq's deputy leader pressed donors to deliver on aid pledges for reconstruction in his war-torn nation, as U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage acknowledged that Washington was among the nations that hadn't sent money to Iraq as quickly as initially promised.

Since pledging \$1.6 billion in grants and loans last year, 37 countries and international lending institutions have paid only about \$1 billion to World Bank and United Nations funds.

At the opening of a 57-nation, two-day conference in Tokyo on Wednesday, Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh said aid was the best way to bring stability.

From the Associated Press

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Allawi seeks handover of al-Zarqawi

Iraqi premier threatens force if Fallujah locals don't cooperate

BY RAWYA RAGEH
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's interim prime minister threatened military action Wednesday against the main insurgent stronghold of Fallujah if residents don't hand over Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Fallujah, in Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland, is believed to be a stronghold of al-Zarqawi's feared Tawhid and Jihad group, which has kidnapped and beheaded numerous foreigners and has carried out a number of bloody bombing attacks.

"If they do not turn in al-Zarqawi and his group, we will carry

out operations in Fallujah," Prime Minister Ayad Allawi told a meeting of the interim National Council. "We will not be lenient."

Allawi urged anxious council members, who expressed concern about a wave of bombings, kidnappings and other attacks, to "have faith in yourself and in Iraq."

However, he conceded: "The more we crack down on terrorist havens, the more these strikes are going to increase."

U.S. and Iraqi authorities have used a mix of diplomacy and force to try to regain control of insurgent enclaves in time to hold nationwide elections in January.

U.S. forces have staged weeks of "precision strikes" in Fallujah

aimed at al-Zarqawi's network and its associates, even as government negotiators meet with tribal elders and religious leaders to hammer out a deal to bring the city under government control.

"Fallujah of course is an honest city but it has been manipulated by a deviant bunch that wants to harm Iraq," Allawi said.

He promised to show council members photographs and documents confirming terrorist activity in the city and other insurgent strongholds such as recently reclaimed Samarra and the Baghdad district of Sadr City.

"You can see for yourself the evil of these people and their ongoing fight to strike Iraq," Allawi said. He gave no details.

Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, fell under the control of hard-line Islamic clerics and their armed followers after Marines ended a three-week siege in late April. Both sides have said they are close to an agreement but that several details remain unresolved, including how Iraqi forces would enter the city.

Similar talks in Sadr City yielded a pledge last week by Shiite militia fighters to hand over their medium and heavy weapons in return for cash payments and a suspension of raids.

After a slow start Monday, Allawi said weapons handovers were now taking place on a "large scale" and some \$800,000 had been paid out in the past 24 hours.

Saddam hernia repaired

BAGHDAD — Saddam Hussein underwent surgery about two weeks ago to repair a hernia and has made a full recovery, a U.S. official said Wednesday.

The ousted dictator was taken to the Ibn Sina hospital near the U.S.-controlled Green Zone for the procedure, which was performed by Iraqi doctors, according to Iraqi sources.

Iraqis urged to vote

NAJAF, Iraq — Iraq's top Shiite cleric is urging Iraqis to register to vote in the January elections, his office said Tuesday.

"All citizens eligible for voting, both males and females, should make sure that their names are correctly written in the electoral record," Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani said in a statement.

Al-Sistani called for committees to be formed to help people take part in the balloting, "which we hope will take place on time and that it will be free and with the participation of all Iraqis," the statement said.

England gives birth

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Pfc. Lynndie England, the Army reservist who faces a court-martial for her role in the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal, has given birth to a baby fathered by Sgt. Charles Graner Jr., another soldier charged in the case.

England, 21, had the baby Sunday at the hospital at Fort Bragg, base spokesman Col. Billy Buckner said Wednesday.

From The Associated Press

Indelible ink to be used in Iraq balloting

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Voters in Iraq's January elections will have their thumbs marked with indelible ink to prevent them casting ballot more than once, the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq announced Wednesday.

The system sparked controversy in Afghanistan's president elections last weekend,

where an independent panel of experts is looking into opposition complaints that the ink used in some polling stations could be rubbed off.

Farid Ayar, who sits on the Iraqi commission's board, said it would be impossible to remove the ink used here before at least 48 hours. Asked whether chemicals could be used to remove it, he said: "Yes, but it will

burn the thumb."

The announcement came as the commission publicized rules governing the eligibility of candidates for the election to determine the composition of an 275-seat assembly whose main task will be to draft a permanent constitution for Iraq. If adopted, the document will be the basis for a second general election by Dec. 15, 2005.

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Officials: U.S. efforts in Afghanistan are turning from warfighting to improving lives, infrastructure

By TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

ASADABAD FIREBASE, Afghanistan — With the first Afghan presidential election complete, the effort to extend the power of the central government may have reached the tipping point.

Now the challenge is to help the Afghans build a society worth fighting for, said Capt. William Boyd, engineer with a Provincial Reconstruction Team.

Sending 20,000 U.S. soldiers to rid "every nook and cave" of Taliban, militants and renegade warlords is impractical, Boyd said. But the U.S. military can defeat the bad guys by empowering the Afghans, he said.

Winning may hinge on the kind of power that comes not from the barrel of a gun, but from a wall, soldier.

At the dedication of a recently completed project, Afghanistan's education minister joked how great Americans are at building schools, but added they had been taking forever to build the hydroelectric plant, Boyd said.

PRT officials had civilian contractors assess what it would take to boost a facility near Asadabad from its current 12 percent capacity to full power. But the \$6.7 million price tag is far beyond the PRT's \$25,000 limit from the Commander's Emergency Relief Program or the regional commander's \$200,000 limit.

"Right now, we don't have that kind of money," Boyd said, adding that it could take months for the bidding process, something the Afghans interpret as lack of American commitment.

In this new phase, limited U.S. resources are running up against Afghanistan's unlimited needs

and high expectations.

"They've got the schools," Boyd said. "Now they're asking for assistance on big projects."

Even in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar province, one of the more remote and unstable areas, the guarded consensus among U.S. soldiers and civilians is that the insurgency is waning. That said, they say this unconventional war may demand an unconventional definition of victory.

It's unrealistic to expect Afghanistan to transform itself overnight into a liberal, Western-style society, they say.

Afghans still must be introduced to the most fundamental procedures of modern society, such as paying utility bills, Boyd said. The most realistic outcome the U.S. military can hope for is that Afghanistan isn't going to harbor terrorists such as Osama bin Laden, he and

officials at Firebase Asadabad, one local leader compared Afghanistan's first election to Eid, the end of Ramadan fasting and a time of celebration and feasting.

U.S. officials in Kabul say intelligence indicates large groups of former Taliban and members of the Afghan terrorist organization Hezb-e-Islami Gulbuddin, also known as HIG, have approached local leaders to reconcile.

Local leaders regularly come to the Asadabad base, seeking help with projects and leaving detailed intelligence about local corruption and Taliban sympathizers — some of whom are still in power — with U.S. officials.

Perhaps 80 percent of the people support the new Afghanistan, Boyd said, adding that Kunar province could become a model for all of Afghanistan.

He sees plenty of tangible improvements, such as water distribution, new schools and hospitals. But the U.S. military has reached a critical juncture: the hydroelec-

tric dam.

"We need to bring a TVA to the Kunar Valley," said Maj. John Wilt, PRT team leader, referring to the Tennessee Valley Authority, a Franklin D. Roosevelt-era project that brought electricity to rural sections of Tennessee and Kentucky.

With electricity "comes jobs, education and development," Wilt said.

The Afghans themselves are conscious of falling behind their regional rivals, Pakistan and India, during years of Soviet domination, followed by civil war, soldiers and civilians said.

"They lost two generations ... and it shows in the fact that property has not been improved — no electricity, no sewage, no water," Boyd said.

Afghanistan has abundant natural resources, including natural gas, strategic mineral reserves and jewels. But there is no way to transport cargo, Boyd said, noting

roads are so bad it takes about six hours to drive 60 miles to Jalalabad from Asadabad.

Increasing security is allowing aid organizations such as the U.S. Agency for International Development and the United Nations to start building roads and power plants. At the same time, PRT's across Afghanistan are creating police stations and governmental offices at the district level, said Boyd. Those offices could help measure victory.

"A tangible sign we've succeeded is when we get to a place where these village elders go to the governor's house first," Boyd said.

The question now becomes how long the U.S. presence will be necessary, and most soldiers and civilian government officials believe a realistic estimate is two decades.

But with elections behind them, PRT officials believe the Taliban have lost the initiative to U.S. policy-makers, who they believe can shorten that stay with a full commitment.

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"We need to bring a TVA to the Kunar Valley."

Maj. John Wilt
PRT team leader

others said.

Even with the trend toward stability, it's still possible that Afghanistan could sink back into chaos.

Rebuilding Afghanistan has two enemies at this point, said a U.S. official: "The warlords and our own bureaucracy."

Bureaucrats are "worried about a few coins falling off the cart" in inefficiently spent funds, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. But failure to finance infrastructure projects now could lead to big problems down the road, he said.

Three years after Sept. 11, 2001, bin Laden is still out there, but the Taliban are long out of power and there are signs of hope.

The turnout for the presidential election was heavy and voting took place in a mostly peaceful environment.

In a meeting Monday with U.S.

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Alicia Sorohan awaits attention as she arrives at Cairns Hospital after a crocodile attack Monday. The savage attack on a group of campers has sparked calls for partial lifting of a three-decade-old hunting ban.

Savage attack on campers sparks calls for a croc cull

The Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — A savage crocodile attack on a group of campers in northern Australia has sparked renewed calls for the partial lifting of a three-decade-old hunting ban aimed at saving the animals from extinction.

Crocodile numbers have exploded across Australia's tropical north since federal law protected them in 1971 from the commercial shooters who almost blasted them to extinction for their skins. But as the number of crocs increases, so does the risk to humans — and so does the number of people calling for a cull.

The latest near-tragedy occurred on a remote beach in Queensland state when a 14-foot crocodile crawled into a tent where a husband, wife and their 4-month-old son slept before dawn Monday.

The crocodile had dragged the husband, 34-year-old Andrew Kerr, from the tent before Kerr's 60-year-old mother-in-law Alicia Sorohan was awakened by his screams and tackled the 772-pound reptile.

The crocodile then clamped Sorohan in its jaws before another camper shot it dead. Both Kerr and Sorohan were recovering from serious injuries in the hospital at the Great Barrier Reef tourist town of Cairns.

The leader of the Queensland state opposition Lawrence Springborg responded by asking the government to authorize a croc cull.

"They're increasingly encroaching on populated areas," Springborg told reporters.

The government rejected a cull, accusing Springborg of a knee-jerk reaction.

Crocodiles roam through Queensland, Western Australia and Northern Territory, where researchers estimate numbers have exploded from 5,000 when the shooting ended to 70,000 today.

Despite the soaring numbers, fatal attacks are rare.

Charles Darwin University zoologist Corey Bradshaw, who is researching the potential for commercial harvesting of wild crocodiles in the Northern Territory, said hundreds of adults crocodiles could be killed — or about 2 percent to 5 percent — without jeopardizing the population's viability.

Report: Taiwan separated plutonium up to mid-'80s

BY GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency has found that Taiwan's experiments with plutonium extended up to the mid-1980s, diplomats said Wednesday, uncovering a key detail about the country's now-abandoned nuclear weapons program.

It had been known that Taiwan briefly revived its nuclear weapons research program in the 1980s, and the revelations confirm suspicions that plutonium separation experiments were carried out at that time.

Taiwan first launched its nuclear weapons program in the 1960s, but suspended in the following decade under pressure from the United States, which apparently feared the response from Taiwan's rival China.

Taiwan's government has never acknowledged having a secret weapons program, according to analysts.

The experiments were uncovered in inspections and testing conducted by the International Atomic Energy Agency after the Taiwanese government agreed to voluntary extra controls on the country's peaceful nuclear program, the diplomats said.

One of the diplomats cautioned against drawing parallels between Taiwan and South Korea, whose government recently acknowledged that its scientists once dabbled in extracting plutonium and enriching uranium — both of which can be used to make nuclear arms.

China rejects talks with Taipei

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China on Wednesday adamantly rejected Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian's call for peace talks between the island and the mainland, characterizing his overture as a bid for independence that could lead to disaster.

"Chen Shui-bian claims to want to ease tensions, but his remarks wantonly seek to create separate countries on each side of the Taiwan Strait," said Zhang Mingming, a spokesman for the Chinese government's Taiwan Affairs Office. "Chen Shui-bian's behavior can only lead to disaster."

The two sides split amid civil war in 1949. But China claims

Taiwan as part of its territory and has threatened to attack if the self-ruling island declares formal independence.

In a speech Sunday marking Taiwan's Oct. 10 National Day, Chen urged China to begin peace talks so the rivals can avoid war.

"Because we can't communicate, there's a lot of misunderstanding," Chen said in his address.

On Wednesday, Chen defended his remarks, saying his job is "to protect the nation's sovereignty, dignity and security."

He added: "I also want to ease tensions and the unnecessary confrontation between the two sides. I also want to improve relations and normalize them."

the reports and would not immediately comment on them.

Andrew Yang, a defense analyst at the Chinese Council of American Policy Studies, a Taipei think tank, said that it has long been common knowledge in Taiwan that the island's nuclear scientists were working on a bomb in the 1970s and 1980s.

The program was shut down and U.S. officials sealed off the laboratories and test sites in 1988 shortly after a military officer involved in the project, Chang Hsien-yi, defected to the United States with computer information about the program.

ISS-bound crew are all Soyuz virgins

The Associated Press

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan — All three men heading to the international space station in a Russian-built Soyuz spacecraft this Thursday will be riding the tiny craft for the first time, breaking with 30 years of tradition.

In the past, at least one crewman heading into space had ridden in a Soyuz before, but many veterans have resigned and Russia's space agency hasn't had enough stars to train their replacements.

Still, Russians Salizhan Sharipov and Yuri Sharugin and American Leroy Chiao say they aren't wor-

ried about their blastoff, set for 7:06 a.m. Thursday. Chiao and Sharipov both have flown U.S. space shuttles, while Sharugin is a rookie.

"We have logged many hours in a simulator and got prepared for all regular and emergency regimes," Sharipov told reporters Wednesday.

"I have flown shuttles three times... and I would very much like to fly a Soyuz, which would be a new adventure for me," Chiao said. "Both ships are very good, very reliable."

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IN THE STATES

FCC levies \$1.2M fine for 'indecent' show

BY LEON LAZAROFF
AND JOHN COOK

Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Fox Broadcasting Co. was hit Tuesday with the largest indecency fine for a television show, a nearly \$1.2 million penalty that underscores the federal government's drive to set standards for proper language and behavior in broadcasting.

The Federal Communications Commission ruled that an April 2003 episode of the reality show "Married By America" violated federal indecency codes. The program included scenes from Las Vegas bachelor and bachelorette parties featuring strippers and various sexual situations.

The proposed fine for Fox, which totals \$1.183 million, is an-

Sexual content cited on Fox's 'Married by America'

other in a string of recent indecency fines against television and radio companies. The indecency issue was brought to stark relief last winter when Janet Jackson's breast was exposed during the Super Bowl halftime show on CBS.

In a statement, Fox said, "We disagree with the FCC's decision and believe the content was not indecent."

The network has 30 days to appeal.

The proposed fine of \$7,000 per station would be levied against all 169 Fox stations, 25 of which are owned by Fox's parent, News Corp.

The remaining stations are

owned by various media companies, including Tribune Co., which owns six Fox affiliates.

In its ruling, the FCC said that Fox "had argued that that episode did not contain descriptions or depictions of sexual or excretory organs or activities and, even if it did, the material was not patently offensive."

The FCC, though, ruled that "even with Fox's editing, the episode includes scenes in which party-goers left whipped cream from strippers' bodies in a sexually suggestive manner. Another scene features a man on all fours in his underwear as two female strippers playfully spank him."

"Married By America," a six-episode series which received low ratings, brought together several single adults who agreed to be engaged and even marry though they had never previously met.

The FCC decided to investigate the program after receiving 159 complaints, the first of which was filed by the Parents Television Council against WTVT-TV of Tampa.

The council is a conservative media watchdog group based in Los Angeles and directed by L. Brent Bozell, who also directs the Media Research Center, which acts as a clearinghouse for groups concerned with television and radio programming.

Executive Director Tim Winter said the council aims to "protect children from graphic sex, violence and profanity in the media."

"It's the first time ever, [the fine] holds all the affiliates responsible for airing a broadcast, and it's high time every licensee is held accountable," he said.

But critics contend the FCC regulatory system is based on vague and subjective criteria and is due for a court challenge.

"It's another big step down the road of the FCC's seizure of authority to determine what's close to the line and what's over the line," said Floyd Abrams, an attorney who represents broadcasters.

"From a First Amendment perspective, it's deeply disturbing for the FCC to play so central a role in deciding what can appear on television."

Lava begins to break surface at Mount St. Helens

BY PEGGY ANDERSEN

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Mount St. Helens now has a new lava dome with the emergence of magma into the crater of the southwest Washington volcano.

The low-key emergence of a second mound of rock behind the old one, spotted on Monday and reported by scientists Tuesday, follows several weeks of earthquakes and steam bursts.

Quakes subsided as the lava emerged and cooled, indicating magma oozing into the crater had found a clear path by going around the old dome, said Jon Major, a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey's Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash.

Scientists saw jets of dark steam and ash rise about 30 feet

and fall back into the crater, said Tina Neal, a USGS geologist.

Unlike the dramatic rivers of red-hot lava on Hawaii, the extrusion at St. Helens was difficult to see from outside the crater. A lazy plume of steam rose slowly from the 8,364-foot mountain for much of Tuesday.

Infrared instruments recorded a surface temperature of nearly 1,100 degrees Fahrenheit, confirming that the second dome consisted of cooling lava rather than old rock which had been pushed upward, USGS volcanologist Willie Scott told The Seattle Times.

"The fact that we see stuff at the surface that hot means it's new rock," Scott said.

The last dome-building activity at St. Helens began in the months after a horrific eruption on May 18, 1980, and lasted for six years

as layers of emerging lava formed a mound nearly 1,000 feet tall.

The top of the new dome, which emerged at the site of a bulge scientists first noticed on Sept. 30, is now almost level with the old one.

"It's possible this new feature will enlarge and perhaps even dwarf the old dome," Neal said.

The mountain began shaking Sept. 23 with jolts as intense as magnitude 3.3 occurring as often as four times a minute at the height of seismic activity.

"The inference was that those were (the magma) breaking a pathway" to the surface, Major said.

Steam bursts began earlier this month as molten rock neared the surface. By Tuesday three vents that broke through the old dome wall since Oct. 1 had merged into one, Major said.



Funnel-like clouds form above Mount St. Helens at sunrise Tuesday. A new lava dome has emerged from the volcano, joining an existing dome.

Co-workers win \$214M

DOVER, Del. — A group of employees of a Delaware printing firm is suing forward to claim a \$214.7 million Powerball jackpot, a lawyer for the group said Tuesday.

The lawyer, George B. Smith, said the winners — 33 employees at Sussex Printing Corp. who took part in an office pool — chose the cash option of almost \$117 million, rather than annuity payments stretching over 29 years.

"We had a group meeting last night," Smith said in a telephone interview. "I think they're still stunned."

He said after taxes, each of the workers will receive about \$2.2 million.

Smith said the winners made up roughly three-fourths of the work force at Sussex Printing, which publishes a local advertising shopper called The Guide. He declined to identify the winners, and no one answered the telephone at the company Tuesday evening. Delaware Lottery officials confirmed they validated the sole winning ticket Tuesday afternoon. The (Wilmington) News Journal reported.

The \$214.7 million jackpot is the sixth-largest Powerball jackpot and the 10th-largest lottery jackpot ever, officials said.

From The Associated Press

Supreme Court debates constitutionality of allowing states to execute teen killers

BY GINA HOLLAND

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A deeply divided Supreme Court wrestled Wednesday over allowing states to execute teenage killers, with some justices raising concerns that the United States is out of step with the rest of the world.

Texas and eighteen other states allow capital punishment for juveniles, and more than 70 people who committed crimes as 16- and 17-year-olds are on death row.

The question for the justices is whether those executions are unconscionably cruel, the latest step in the Supreme Court's reexamination of capital punishment in America.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said that the dividing line between adults and children is 18, "to vote, to sit on juries, to serve in the military."

The high court already has barred the death penalty for the mentally retarded and for people under age 16.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, expected to be a key swing vote, said he was trou-

bled by chilling details of murders convicted by juveniles and the thought of erasing a deterrence for future crimes. But he also noted that the rest of the world opposes the death penalty for teens.

People with sleeping bags arrived at the court before midnight in hopes of getting a seat for the argument, which was a lively debate on subjects like gang violence, scientific evidence about brain development of teens, and world condemnation of juvenile executions.

Juvenile offenders have been executed in just a few other countries, including Iran, Pakistan, China and Saudi Arabia.

Seth Waxman, the attorney for the 17-year-old killer in this case, said those countries have now gone on record opposing capital punishment for minors. "We



Simmons

are literally alone in the world," he said.

Justice John Paul Stevens asked if the court should ignore that America's global respect was on the line in the case.

Missouri's solicitor, James Layton, said the court should not be swayed by "what happens in the rest of the world." He said capital punishment decisions about age should be made by legislatures, not courts.

The Supreme Court has looked increasingly at international opinion, and its four most liberal members have gone on record against a practice they said was "a relic of the past and is inconsistent with evolving standards of decency in a civilized society."

Justices are considering a case involving the kidnapping and killing of a Missouri woman. Two teens forced the victim, wearing only underwear and cowboy boots, into a van and later threw her off a bridge to drown.

A 17-year-old, Christopher Simmons, was sentenced to die for the 1993 murder, but Missouri's highest court overturned the death sentence last year. A younger teen was sentenced to life in prison.

Snail-mail ballots a hit with Oregon voters

BY BRAD CAIN
The Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — While other states pursue high-tech voting machines in hopes of avoiding a repeat of the Florida fiasco of 2000, Oregon proudly continues with its uniquely low-tech system of voting by mail.

Oregon abolished polling-place elections in 1998. The result is that Election Day 2004 in Oregon will actually be a 19-day affair that begins Friday with 2 million ballots being sent to the homes of registered voters.

They can then cast their ballots

in the comfort of their own home and on their own timetable before mailing them back to local election offices before Nov. 2. Voters can also hand-deliver their ballots to designated drop sites on Election Day.

Voters seem highly satisfied with the switch, but other states are leery of following the lead of Oregon, a battleground state won by Democrat Al Gore in 2000.

"Oregon has been proselytizing this system aggressively, but there is unease about it" in other states, said Norm Ornstein, a political analyst at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C.

Ornstein and other analysts worry about fraud, as well as the potential for coercion that arises when family members fill out ballots together at home.

"Voting at a polling place provides a zone of privacy," he said. "Oregon's culture may not encourage corrupt activities, but that doesn't stop husbands looking over the shoulders of their wives while they are voting."

State officials say elections have been squeaky clean, and they tout the convenience of the system.

"People can actually study their voting materials, and they

can mark their ballots at the kitchen table," Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury said.

Nancy Dunn, a registered voter, is an enthusiastic supporter of vote-by-mail.

"I love it," the Salem resident said. "I can sit on my couch, in the quiet of my own home, and not feel pressured to vote quickly."

Critics of Oregon's system say it is open to abuse because it allows political campaigns to keep

track of which voters cast ballots during the 19-day voting period. It is perfectly legal for political parties to contact people who have not voted yet and to offer to deliver their ballots for them to local election offices.

For example, America Coming Together, a group backing Democrat John Kerry, plans to send out teams of volunteers to collect ballots from voters the group has identified or registered.

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On the issues



Should the federal government require background checks for buyers at gun shows?

President Bush



"I believe the instant check system is the best way to keep criminals from buying guns at gun shows and I support changing federal law to give gun show sponsors special access to the National Instant Check System to con-

duct checks on behalf of non-licensed vendors. My administration is continuing to improve the accuracy, efficiency and reliability of the instant check system, and has improved the rate for an immediate decision for a background check from 71 percent to 91 percent."

Sen. John Kerry



"As a gun-owner and lifelong hunter who believes in the Second Amendment, I agree with John McCain and responsible Republicans that we need to close the gun show loophole. The federal

government should require rapid background checks for buyers at gun shows so that we can protect the rights of law-abiding Americans and keep guns out of the hands of criminals and terrorists."

AP

TV networks putting faith in new system to project winner

BY DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Determined to avoid a repeat of high-profile failures in 2000 and 2002, television networks will rely on new systems on Nov. 2 to help project election winners and analyze why voters made their choices.

The six news organizations that have formed the National Election Pool — ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox News Channel and the AP — say they're confident things will go better this time, based on test runs and the experience of people involved.

Still, the TV networks said they would be careful projecting winners after prematurely declaring a winner in the 2000 election.

"We're just going to really, really be cautious," said Marty Ryan, Fox News Channel's executive producer for political coverage.

"When we think we have it, we'll wait a few minutes and look again. Then we'll wait a few minutes

The networks blamed Voter News Service, the company they had formed to count votes and conduct exit polls, for faulty data that led to the wrong calls in 2000. VNS tried to rebuild its system, but it broke down on election night 2002 and failed to provide usable exit polling information. VNS was then disbanded.

This time, the news organizations contracted with two veteran polling companies — Mitofsky International and Edison Media Research — to conduct exit polls. AP will be the sole source for vote counts.

Mason said technical adjustments were made to increase reliability. NEP will conduct exit polling in more voter precincts and have access to a greater number of past vote counts to use on a comparison basis.

Precautions are being taken to guard against human error as well. Using past elections as a guide, the AP's computer system is designed to spit out a warning if figures are entered that are significantly at odds with expected patterns.

Edwards tests funny side on Leno show

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
The Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif. — John Edwards has a theory about what was hidden underneath an unusual wrinkle that appeared on the back of President Bush's suit jacket during his first debate with John Kerry.

"I think it was his battery," a grinning Edwards told Jay Leno on "The Tonight Show" on Tuesday.

"I think tomorrow, before the debate, John Kerry ought to pat him down," Edwards said, referring to the final Bush-Kerry matchup, scheduled for Wednesday in Arizona.

The Democratic vice-presidential nominee, making his second appearance on the comedian's stage this year, was in turns silly and serious while chatting about issues from Iraq to chubby Secret Service agents.



Democratic vice-presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards talks with "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno during his appearance on the show Tuesday at NBC studios in Burbank, Calif.

Leno asked Edwards if he could beat the president in a foot race.

Edwards, who said he jogged about five miles Tuesday, reminded the audience he played football as a student. Bush, he noted, was on a cheering squad.

"Bush" was on the side, with his pompons," the North Carolina senator said. "I don't know, can

you run fast with those cheerleading outfits on?"

Earlier, at a campaign stop in Colorado, Edwards attacked President Bush and Cheney as "out of touch." He didn't let up on Leno's show.

When Leno showed a clip of Kerry windsurfing, Edwards said, "If I had to spend 90 minutes on a stage with George Bush, I'd want to clear my head too."

First lady sees future of working with youth

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Looking beyond Election Day, first lady Laura Bush said Tuesday that if her husband is elected to a second term she would like to help juvenile delinquents with substance abuse problems.

Mrs. Bush, in an hourlong interview on CNN's "Larry King Live," said she has been reading about drug and alcohol problems among teenagers who run into problems with the law.

"And I just would be interested to see if there is something we could do for those young people who get in trouble. Some sort of recovery method ... that would let them have a more normal life after that," said the former teacher and librarian who has made reading one of her signature issues since George W. Bush took office in January 2001.



Bush

But she did not rule out returning to the head of the class if there isn't a second Bush term.

"Yes, I'd love to teach," she said. "I'll definitely work with schools forever."

Mrs. Bush said she's also looking forward to grandchildren — though she isn't expecting any yet from her 22-year-old twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna, both recent college graduates.

"Don't worry. They're not about to get married. Neither one of them have somebody they're going to marry, but I wish," she said.

If her future doesn't hold another four years in the White House, Mrs. Bush likely won't miss what she said she detests most about being first lady: the lack of privacy.

Despite relinquishing her anonymity, Mrs. Bush said she has been able to slip unnoticed into New York City to go shopping, even with a security entourage trailing her.

"They are, but if they're pretty discreet, then New Yorkers are not looking at everyone on the street. They're looking straight ahead," she said.

Study: Obesity surgery cuts weight and more

BY LINDSEY TANNER

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Patients who undergo obesity surgery get far more than cosmetic benefits — many also shed fat-related ailments including diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol, researchers say.

Their report — an analysis of 15 studies — suggests that in some cases, the drastic operations may alter the patient's body chemistry itself and relieve conditions that can lead to heart attacks, strokes and kidney failure.

The analysis was funded by a Johnson & Johnson Co. subsidiary that develops and markets surgical instruments, including staplers for obesity surgery. But the results echo what other doctors have reported seeing.

Many patients shed fat-related conditions along with pounds

Diabetes was eliminated in nearly 77 percent of the affected patients; high blood pressure was eliminated in nearly 62 percent; cholesterol improved in at least 70 percent; and obstructive sleep apnea — episodes when breathing stops during sleep — disappeared in almost 86 percent. All four conditions are strongly linked to obesity and can have lethal consequences.

While significant weight loss by diet, exercise or medication can have similar benefits, obesity surgery patients typically lose at least 30 percent of their body weight and keep it off long-term — results that are extremely difficult

to achieve with other methods, said Dr. Samuel Klein, a Washington University obesity specialist who was not involved in the research.

The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. About one-third of U.S. adults are overweight, and of those, almost half are grossly overweight, or obese. Surgery in which the stomach is reduced or restricted is typically reserved for people who are at least 100 pounds heavier than their recommended weight and for whom other weight-loss methods have failed.

Doctors have long known that

losing weight helps improve blood pressure and cholesterol levels by reducing stress on the cardiovascular system. But with diabetes, obesity surgery may have unique benefits, said University of Minnesota surgeon Dr. Henry Buchwald, the study's lead author and a consultant to the Johnson & Johnson subsidiary.

There is evidence that when the intestinal tract is rearranged in obesity operations, patients who were diabetic are "cured" even before they start shedding significant amounts of weight. That may be because such operations alter the intestinal hormones, Buchwald said.

Buchwald and colleagues reviewed studies on obesity surgery published in English between 1990 and 2003. The studies involved 22,094 patients ages 16 to 64, at least two-thirds of them women.

The researchers found patients lost an average of 61 percent of their excess weight.

The most common U.S. obesity surgery, gastric bypass, involves creating an egg-sized pouch in the upper stomach and attaching it to a section of intestine. The procedure reduces the amount of food patients can eat and results in less food being absorbed. The researchers found it resulted in a 62 percent loss of excess weight.

Teen survives 8 days in wrecked car

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A teenage girl who survived eight days stranded in her car after it crashed and tumbled into a ravine is alert, sarcastic and entertaining her doctors from her hospital bed, her sister said Wednesday.

Doctors said 17-year-old Laura Hatch may have been saved by her own dehydration, which prevented the expansion of a blood clot in her brain.

"She has a very strong personality," her sister Amy told ABC's "Good Morning America." "I wouldn't say she necessarily knows what she's saying all the time, or what's going on, but she's strong-willed and sarcastic, and she's definitely giving them a run for their money as far as giving them attitude."

"I think that's probably part of what contributed to her survival is that she does have such a strong will," she said.

Laura Hatch remained in serious condition Wednesday at Harborview Medical Center. She was being treated for dehydration, the blood clot in her brain, and broken bones in her face.

The Hatch family had almost given Laura up for dead, and sheriff's deputies had said she was probably a runaway. She was found Sunday, badly hurt and se-

verely dehydrated, but alive and conscious, in the back seat of her crumpled Toyota Camry.

A volunteer searcher who said she had several vivid dreams of a wooded area found the wrecked car in the trees.

Laura's twin sister Karen called her sister's survival a miracle.

"We've heard officials, doctors, people from the rescue crew saying this is a medical miracle," Karen Hatch told ABC. "I don't know what I believe in, but this is a miracle."

Laura Hatch had last been seen at a party on Oct. 2. The initial search was slowed because there had been underage drinking at the party, and the young people who attended didn't say where it had been held, sheriff's officials said.



Hatch



REDMOND (WASH.) FIRE DEPARTMENT VIA KING COUNTY JOURNAL/AP

Laura Hatch is recovering since being found Sunday in her car, shown at the bottom of an embankment in Redmond, Wash. She had spent eight days in the wrecked car and suffered severe dehydration, a possible blood clot near her brain, broken ribs, a broken leg and facial injuries.

Man gets life in prison for 'anti-Semitic' attack

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A man who stomped another man to death in what prosecutors called an "anti-Semitic" attack outside a St. Louis diner was sentenced to life in prison, the maximum penalty.

"This was a deliberate killing," Circuit Judge David Mason told Kevin A. Johnson, 36, of St. Louis, before sentencing him Tuesday.

Mason said jurors had given Johnson a break by convicting him of second-degree murder instead of first-degree, which would carry a mandatory life term without parole. He was given 20 years for armed criminal action, to be served concurrently with the life term, and must serve 23 more years behind bars before he is eligible for parole.

Johnson apologized Tuesday and said Michael Schnelle's

death "would haunt me the rest of my life."

At his trial, witnesses said Johnson, who has a tattoo of a swastika and a Confederate flag, stood on his chair with another man inside the diner on Sept. 1, 2002, yelled "white power" and gave the Nazi salute.

Three witnesses said he shouted racist remarks and called Schnelle, 46, a "Jew boy" before following him outside the diner, knocking him down and stomping on his head. Family members said Schnelle was not Jewish.

Johnson denied saying "white power" or giving the salute and said he hit Schnelle only after Schnelle took a swing at him. Two defense witnesses also denied hearing slurs or seeing the salute in the diner.

Mason told Johnson that he could have avoided the fight or stopped after one punch, but instead inflicted at least four more severe blows.

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"SHARK TALE" PHOTO: DREAMWORKS PICTURES/KRT. WILL SMITH PHOTO, LEFT: ABACA PRESS/KRT. RENEE ZELLWEGER PHOTO, AP

Renee Zellweger, right, voices Angel, receptionist at the Whale Wash, and Will Smith takes the role of Oscar, her secret crush, in DreamWorks Animation's "Shark Tale." Other big-name stars taking the bait to voice roles in the animated film include Robert De Niro and Jack Black.

Drawing stars

Animated 'Shark Tale' has no trouble reeling in celebrity voices

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Quick! Can you name who did the voice of Snow White? Or Cinderella? How about the Little Mermaid?

It's OK if the names Adriana Caselotti, Ilene Woods and Jodi Benson don't immediately spring to mind — they were never promoted or paid as stars when their most famous screen characters debuted. But now trying naming the actors who voiced Shrek, the Genie from "Aladdin" or Woody the cowboy from "Toy Story," and it's easy to think of Mike Myers, Robin Williams and Tom Hanks.

Performing animation was not considered prestige work decades ago, but those three performances have changed things over past 10 years.

Now, practically every cartoon features famous voices. The new undersea gangster comedy "Shark Tale" has a slew of them.

The computer-animated story of a scared little fish (Will Smith) who becomes famous as a "shark slayer" by surviving a shark attack when an anchor lands on his predator features the voices of no less than 12 famed actors. Jack Black is his vegetarian shark buddy, Robert De Niro the menacing undersea gangster mourning his son and Martin Scorsese a puffey-eyed rowdy putterfish. Renee Zellweger plays a love-stricken angel fish, "The Sopranos" Emmy winner Michael Imperioli Black's vicious brother, Peter Falk an aging gangster shark and Angelina Jolie a femme fatale.

Add to the mix "The Sopranos" actor Vincent Pastore as an octopus, Ziggy Marley and Doug E. Doug as Rastafarian jellyfish, and "Today" show host Katie Couric as the fish reporter Katie Current.

Decades ago, Walt Disney barred Caselotti — who was 18 when she earned about \$970 for her work — from making any public appearances. He didn't want viewers to put a face to Snow White's voice. Caselotti, who died in 1997 at 80, often said she deserved more, but never sued for it.

What changed over the years? For one, Peggy Lee, one of the rare celebrity voices to do a cartoon years ago, successfully sued Disney for more money after the videocassette success of 1955's "Lady and the Tramp," opening the door for better pay.

Studies now find that a star is one more attraction for audiences. And actors find it's easy work — which pays enormously.

Over two years, Black said he went in about a dozen times to record the voice of Lenny, his nebbishy, bashful shark.

"I did it all by myself, except I did a little bit with Will Smith at the end. That felt like kind of a symbolic meeting of the things, just in case some magic happened between them. For the most part, it's an isolated experience and I like it that way. There are a lot of advantages to doing it by yourself," he said.

What are the advantages? "You don't have to worry about the other actor getting impatient," Black said. "If you want to do 50 takes, no problem. Then I trust the editors to cut together awesome conversations — so it really sounds like we're talking to each other."

It's unclear how much Black and his co-stars got paid, but DreamWorks Animation, which produced "Shark Tale," has been generous with stars in the past. Myers, Cameron Diaz and Eddie Murphy each reportedly received \$10 million upfront for "Shrek 2," not counting their percentage of the profits from the year's biggest movie.

Oscar producer goes for 12

Gil Cates has signed on to produce next year's Academy Awards broadcast in Los Angeles, his 12th time overseeing Hollywood's biggest bash.

"I already have ideas swirling around in my head and can't wait to see them through to fruition on Oscar night," Cates said Monday.

Cates has produced the Oscars a record 11 times since 1990, most recently running the show in spring 2003. He won an Emmy Award for producing the 1991 telecast.

Cates' film credits include producing and directing 1970's "I Never Sang for My Father." For television, his credits include movies such as "A Death in the Family" and "Call Me Anna," based on Patty Duke's autobiography.

The 77th Oscars show will air live from the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood on Feb. 27.

Rooming with Ripa

She might owe him her household name status, but according to a recent survey, more New York college students would rather room with Kelly Ripa than Regis Philbin, her "Live With Regis and Kelly" co-host.

An Educational Housing Services survey reports that 32 percent of students polled would like to share an abode with Ripa, who also stars in ABC's "Hope & Faith," while only 1 percent chose Philbin.

Conan O'Brien, Jon Stewart, David Letterman and Tony Danza followed Ripa in the survey, released by EHS, a provider of private, off-campus student housing in New York. The survey was conducted during two weeks in September.



John Travolta, left, and Kirstie Alley Travolta to appear on 'Fat'

Look who's joining Kirstie Alley.

The former "Cheers" actress will be accompanied by John Travolta, who was featured with Alley in the "Look Who's Talking" films, in her upcoming Showtime series, "Fat Actress."

The seven-episode, unscheduled comedy series won't debut until March.

In the series, Alley plays a fictionalized version of herself, a TV and movie actress whose growing weight problem has been well documented in supermarket tabloids. Each "Curb Your Enthusiasm"-like episode emanates from a story outline with the actors largely improvising the dialogue.

NBC Universal TV Group President Dick Zucker, Mark Curry ("Hangin' With Mr. Cooper") and Travolta's actress-wife, Kelly Preston, also will guest star on the first episode, Showtime announced last week.

Stories and photos from wire services

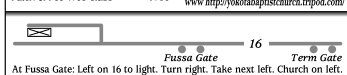
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Will I not car enough for Chicago's winter

Dear Tom and Ray:
My wife thinks it's a good idea for you guys to do a "sanity check" on me. Here's my plan: I have a good, 1995 Nissan Maxima that I've owned since new. Our daughter is driving her car, a 2002 Toyota Rav4, at our house all winter, while she is away. Rather than have her car sit outside (we own a two-car garage, which houses the Maxima and my 1993 Mazda Miata), I thought I would sell the Maxima, drive my daughter's Rav4 for the winter, and when she returns, buy the car of my dreams, a Mini Cooper. My wife is concerned that the Chicago (where we live) winters will overwhelm the Mini. So, are you going to help me out here and proclaim my plan a winner? — Don

TOM: Don, it's a good thing you enclosed a 20-dollar bill along with your letter. Otherwise, we might have been tempted by your wife's \$20, which arrived a week later.
RAY: I actually like the idea of you driving the Rav4 during the winter; it's better for your daughter's car than just sitting in the driveway for months on end. So, that part of the plan makes good sense to me.

TOM: But in all honesty, I would have to say that the Mini is not a great car for the Chicago winter. It's got front-wheel

drive, so it's not as bad in the snow as the Miata. But it's still small and light, and has a low ground. Four snow tires would help, but it won't be nearly as good as your Maxima.

RAY: So, I think you're going to need three cars, Don.

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Tom and Ray Magliozzi

TOM: Three cars? That's going to go with your wife, huh, Don?

RAY: And in the spring and fall, when it's not convertible weather but there's no snow or ice on the roads, you'll drive your Mini. How's that sound?

TOM: Is that your wife we hear in the background? Was that the crack of a rolling pin hitting your head? And the crumpling up of our column?

RAY: Well, if that's not financially or mutually feasible, another option is to sell the Miata. Wait! Before you shout "no!" listen to the rest of our plan: Then you buy the new Mini Cooper convertible. Not bad, huh? Huh?

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Pension promise no guarantee

BY JONATHAN WEISMAN

The Washington Post

With just eight years to go, Steve Derebery had been eyeing his mandatory retirement age with something close to relief.

An official airline pilot, the 52-year-old would not be worrying "about guys behind (him) with box cutters," he said. Just as important, his \$66,000-a-year pension would leave him and his wife, Jeanne, free to travel from their home in Gig Harbor, Wash., to take the grandchildren to Lake, Ill., who is due in January.

Last month, in a Chicago bankruptcy court, United Airlines all but certainly changed the rest of the Dereberys' life, warning that it will likely dump its pension plan onto the federal government.

Under the rules of the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. (PBGC), Derebery would be left with \$22,000 a year, a third of his pension benefit. Now, he and his wife are hastily planning a second career, a long one, they say, maybe running their own public relations or e-mail business.

"Instead of being able to retire, see our kids, we're probably going to have to work until we die," Steve Derebery said.

The Dereberys' misfortunes are part of a phenomenon that is reshaping the financial landscape of America's retirees. As the baby boom generation retires and people live longer, both Social Security and privately funded pensions, the two basic lines of American retirement income — are under increasing financial pressure.

Yet beyond a vague debate

over the future of Social Security, neither President Bush nor Sen. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., has made much mention of looming pension and savings problems, despite pleas for federal intervention from unions, employers and even the PBGC itself.

"Go onto the Bush and Kerry Web sites, looking for the word 'pension,'" said James A. Klein, president of the employer-backed American Benefits Council. "You don't see a heck of a lot."

It is an issue, however, that could land in the lap of taxpayers — and the next president.

As the collapse of the stock market bubbled cut the value of many pension fund investments, and left company-funded programs scrambling to meet the demands of an aging workforce. The PBGC, the federally backed insurer of pension funds, is having to raise its premiums to cover the cost of defaulting programs, putting the plans that remain under even more financial stress.

"There is a possibility of a looming train wreck that could cost the taxpayers of America untold billions of dollars," Senate Commerce Committee Chairman McCain, R-Ariz., warned last week.

The pessimism is widespread among labor unions and business executives alike.

The traditional pension systems that once guaranteed a retirement income until death are in sharp decline. The airline retirees only the latest industry to begin dismantling their plans. Between 2001 and 2003, 16 steel companies terminated their pension plans, leaving 256,800 workers, retirees and dependents at the gates of the PBGC.

Just last week, the PBGC announced it would take over the pension plan of Kaiser Aluminum.

The domino effect may be in full swing as more company plans go under, the PBGC has had to steadily raise the premiums it charges to insure company pensions. From \$1 an hour in 1975 to \$8.50 10 years later, to a charge today of \$19, plus a vari-

able premium for troubled companies that can push per-employee costs to more than \$60, said Sylvester Schieber, vice president of research and consultation for the consulting firm Watson Wyatt Worldwide.

"It has not been enough," PBGC Director Bradley D. Belt said last week that his agency's deficit for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 would eclipse the previous year's record \$112 billion deficit. A slew of bankruptcies could leave taxpayers holding the bag.

"The long-term solvency of the pension insurance program... is at risk," Belt told the Senate Commerce Committee.

Deficient as they are, those rising premiums are one of the factors pushing traditional pensions toward extinction, Schieber said. In 1978, there were 128,401 such pension plans covering nearly 41 percent of the private-sector workforce, according to the non-partisan Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI). Now there are 25,000, covering just under 17 percent.

In their place have come 401(k)s and other defined contribution plans, where risks are shifted from employer to employee, and contributions are fixed but benefits are left to the markets to determine. The number of such plans has declined from 12,000 in 1978 to 314,592 in 1998. About 42 million workers participate in such plans, far more than ever enjoyed a traditional pension.

But with that shift has come uncertainty. Last month, EBRI found, average 401(k) balances had grown by 17 percent since 1999, despite the shocks to the stock market that knocked total stock prices down by 57 percent in 2002 — between 1999 and 2002.

But by the end of 2003, the account balances of experienced workers in their fifties — the ones closest to retirement — were 9.3 percent lower than they were four years before.

TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES							
52-week High	Low	Net Change	% Change	YTD % Change	52-week High	Low	Net Change
10,733.12	9,540.12	Down Jones Industrials	10,676.96	-0.43	+10.8	+11.84	+5.87
3,389.29	2,743.46	Down S&P 500	3,338.98	-2.81	+8.0	+11.25	+15.87
303.55	243.26	Down Dow Jones Utilities	302.27	-2.10	+7.0	+13.25	+8.53
6,798.12	5,812.25	Down NASDAQ Composite	6,699.71	-33.46	-2.3	+26.3	+9.90
1,291.61	1,014.66	Down NYSE Index	1,276.96	-1.77	-0.8	+841	+24.75
2,153.83	1,750.82	Down Nasdaq Composite	2,153.83	-2.59	-1.9	+3.98	+3.30
1,163.23	1,018.32	Down S&P 500	1,163.23	-2.55	-21	+49	+8.89
538.46	528.13	Down S&P MidCap	538.46	-0.5	-31	+86	+6.77
605.42	502.88	Down Russell 2000	605.42	-0.85	-15	+55	+6.44
11,371.14	9,595.89	Down DJ Wilshire 5000	10,676.96	-0.99	-21	+151	+7.36

NYSE					
Most Active (51 or more)	Most Active (10 or more)	Most Active (5 or more)	Most Active (10 or more)	Most Active (5 or more)	Most Active (10 or more)
IBM	3,986	IBM	3,986	IBM	3,986
Apple	1,516	Apple	1,516	Apple	1,516
Microsoft	1,516	Microsoft	1,516	Microsoft	1,516
Oracle	1,516	Oracle	1,516	Oracle	1,516
Amazon.com	1,516	Amazon.com	1,516	Amazon.com	1,516
Google	1,516	Google	1,516	Google	1,516
Yahoo	1,516	Yahoo	1,516	Yahoo	1,516
Alibaba	1,516	Alibaba	1,516	Alibaba	1,516
Facebook	1,516	Facebook	1,516	Facebook	1,516
Twitter	1,516	Twitter	1,516	Twitter	1,516
LinkedIn	1,516	LinkedIn	1,516	LinkedIn	1,516
MySpace	1,516	MySpace	1,516	MySpace	1,516
YouTube	1,516	YouTube	1,516	YouTube	1,516
Netflix	1,516	Netflix	1,516	Netflix	1,516
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KEY DEFENSE STOCKS				
Name	52-week High	Low	Net Change	% Change
Alliant Technology	40	14.58	+4.7	+32.2
Boeing	100	50.48	+2.6	+5.2
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Exclusion hurts athletes most

Recently, the international schools were informed that Far East tournaments would be canceled in cross country, tennis and wrestling. As an international schoolteacher and coach for 26 years, I would like to address this issue. As an informed American citizen, I understand many of the problems surrounding Department of Defense Dependents Schools during these difficult years. Funding and security are real problems. We are not oblivious to their problems.

The issue in the cancellation of these wonderful Far East events seems to be very unclear. We were given a press release mentioning "lack of billing and venue" as the main reasons. What was interesting was the way this was "leaked" to the international schools with a directional, finally coming from a third-party source just after this became newsworthy.

But the real issue here is only one thing and that is kids. How do we tell our wrestlers who have gone to exhaustive camps, worked out all summer and put their dreams on a Far East tournament that it won't happen this year? How do we tell our cross country runners who ran hills all summer that with one piece of paper, they won't get a chance to go to the tournament? Our tennis players — what do we tell them? I would like the person who handled down this directive to sit down and have a round-table discussion with 50 of our international school athletes who are shocked by this.

What is interesting is that billing has not been a problem with international schools since we take care of our own anyway. The St. Mary's International School was always the billing for the Far East tournament at Yokota Air Base, Japan, last year — as did the other schools. Where is the problem? Yokota has both the facilities and the manpower to handle this tournament. They have proven this in the past.

Finally, the kicker here is that we should not be so late that this would happen. Why not tell us last spring so we can find some alternatives?

We realize that international schools always have to make their schedules work to meet those of DODDS and over the years we have bent over backward to accommodate them. If I were a Yokota, Kinzok, Zama or any other DODDS high school wrestler or tennis player and I won a championship without the international school participation, I would feel cheated and my gold medal would lose most of its shine.

Marsh Warfield

St. Mary's International School, Japan
DODDS afraid of competition?

It has recently been brought to my attention that international schools are being invited to the Far East cross coun-

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try tournament in Japan this season. It is also my impression that this decision was made at the request of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools institutions involved in the tournament. I guess that is one way of eliminating the competition!

As a parent of a cross country racer who attends one of the international schools affected by this bad decision, I want to go on the record as saying: "Bad call, people." There are young men and women from all over the Pacific area who have worked their hearts out preparing for this event.

It is ironic that the coaches had to break this news to them and not the people who made this decision. The Far East director stated that this decision was based upon input from various sources. He also stated that the reasons were billing, logistics, facilities and resources. But as billing is concerned, during the last Far East cross country event the teams stayed at a local hotel with lots of room to spare. They ate on the economy, used public transportation except for event-related activities and the race was run at a local golf course. A cross country race can be ran anywhere.

The international schools traditionally pay triple what a DODDS school is required to pay for the privilege of participating in these events. That pretty much eliminates most of the reasons given for making this decision.

Let's take a moment and look at some true facts: Foreign schools have dominated these tournaments since 1970 in both cross country and tennis and, at least in the international schools at this point in the season the South Korean schools are dominating the ocean-American interscholastic Activities Conference in cross country.

If the DODDS coaches and athletic directors are so worried about the international schools making them look bad,

then maybe they need to take a hard look at their individual programs instead of resorting to back-stabbing policies aimed at eliminating the international schools from competition. If this spills over into other sports as well, it would be a travesty and a very poor show of sportsmanship on the part of those involved.

If this outrageously bad decision stands, I propose that the international schools put on their own Far East tournament. When the races are done we can post the top five winners from Far East DODDS and Far East International Schools together in Stars and Stripes — not that if it DODDS and Stripes can stand the heat. That would allow the community as a whole to see why this outrageously bad decision was made.

If I were a betting man, my money would be on the international schools. But, alas, I guess we will never know, will we, because someone made an outrageously bad call based on selfish reasons and without regard for the athletes affected. I sincerely hope that the DODDS coaches who have competed against the school my daughter attends in various sporting events — and know what a pleasure it has been in the past — will speak out against this "decision." Also hope that the members of the winning team at the DODDS Far East tournament do not have the audacity to refer to themselves as "Far East champions." The Far East Committee needs to do the right thing and get those invitations out soon. This is not about whether DODDS looks good. It is about the young athletes competing and fellowshiping together. That should be foremost in everyone's eyes.

Barry K. Lambert
Camp Stanton, South Korea

Preserve individual judgment

It seems one of the inmates in the Puzzle Palace on the Potomac has run amok and confused the cavalry. Army with the U.S. military regarding free-time activities.

Forget not what Rudyard Kipling observed: "Single men in barracks don't grow into plaster saints."

Military members do not take holy orders, despite the fact that they are sworn to obedience. In my era (I retired in 1974) poverty was a given, but chastity — that alone was left to our own judgment, as it should be.

Floyd Jack
Kadena Air Base, Okinawa

Need inspiration column

I am writing in reference to Stars and Stripes' request to readers to "Tell us what you think." The paper is superb. The only thing missing is a column for religion. There should be a "daily bread" column, something to encourage you after the paper is read in its entirety.

St. Cynthia Brown
Camp Griffin, Kuwait

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

By design, U.N. fiddles while Darfur burns

BY NEWT GINGRICH

For more than six months, U.N. observers, delegations from the House and Senate and aid workers from organizations such as Amnesty International and Doctors Without Borders have witnessed and spoken out against what the U.S. State Department has correctly called the genocide that is being committed in Darfur by the Janjawed militias. Despite its repeated denials, it is clear that the government of Sudan is funding these attacks.

Gingrich

Yet in the face of all the evidence, incredibly, Sudan continues to hold a seat on the U.N. Commission on Human Rights. How can that be? How, if that is the case, can the commission have any moral standing whatsoever? How can it effect change or protect human rights? It seems plain and obvious that Sudan must be stripped of its seat and that it cannot possibly sit in judgment of the human rights records of other countries. Yet under U.N. rules, that's exactly how the Commission on Human Rights operates.

Consider the facts. Since February 2003, more than 50,000 people are believed to have been killed in the Darfur region, and 1.4 million more have been driven from their homes. Amnesty International has called these assaults "war crimes against humanity," and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has called the situation in Darfur the world's worst current humanitarian crisis.

Clearly, the government responsible for such heinous acts is not the ideal entity for having setting standards by which other countries' human rights records are judged. Yet U.N. policy is that the human rights records of the 53 countries that sit on the commission may not be assessed as a prerequisite to serving on the panel. That means there is no mechanism to protect the commission from being manipulated by governments that routinely abuse human rights.

As a result, over the years the commission has been corrupted by political games that have allowed some of the world's worst human rights abusers to sit in judgment of others—and to shield themselves from criticism. Known human rights abusers, including Algeria, Cuba, Syria, Iran, Pakistan and Zimbabwe, have served on the commission. Last year Libya was elected to chair the panel by a bloc of African and Middle Eastern nations. The consequences are unmistakable: While the victims of abuse and torture suffer and die, the commission systematically ignores their plight and blocks efforts for intervention.

If the commission is to have any meaning, the United Nations should decree that countries charged with genocide and countries with totalitarian governments are not eligible to serve. And the Security Council must remove Sudan from the commission and ask the African nations that nominated it to appoint a respectable member.

The United Nations cannot continue on its current course with regard to the crisis in Sudan. Despite the abundance of evidence and outrage, the most aggressive action the Security Council has taken to date has been a resolution giving Sudan 30 days to disarm the Janjawed. Those 30 days expired Aug.



30. A feeble Sept. 18 resolution threatening, but not actually applying, sanctions against Sudan's oil industry has only served to buy more time for the regime, as has Annan's call for an "impartial commission" to investigate.

Speaking last month when the U.S. Senate passed a resolution calling for Sudan's removal from the commission, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., had it right when he said that "the 1948 Genocide Convention calls on states-parties to 'prevent and punish' genocide when it occurs. If we are going to preserve the credibility of the United Nations and its separate commissions, advance the cause of human rights

and protect oppressed people around the globe, then the U.N. must take more aggressive action."

This is a test of the integrity and decency of the United Nations as an institution. Continued inaction against Sudan will only encourage more deaths, not only in Sudan but at the hands of future tyrants who understand all too well the unwillingness and inability of the United Nations to put aside internal politics to stop them.

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Conservative political theory not followed on Iraq

BY PAUL CAMPOS

Imagine if a handful of extra chads had ended up dangling in Al Gore's favor four years ago, and he had gone on to invade and occupy Iraq, for the same reasons the Bush administration has given for undertaking those actions. The instinctive response to this hypothetical is to claim that because Gore is a liberal, he would never have engaged in something like the Iraq war.

The irony is that the administration's Iraq policy exemplifies what classic conservative political theorists have identified as the fundamental weaknesses of the liberal worldview. Specifically,

■ Conservative political theory recognizes that human reason is a far less powerful tool than shallowly optimistic liberal rationalists would have us believe. Grandiose claims about the ability of experts to predict and control the future are characteristic of liberal intellectual arrogance.

■ Conservative political theory has always emphasized that human cultures are by nature immensely complex things, and that each culture has its own organic logic and structure, which will be difficult for outsiders to understand. In particular, conservative thinkers deride the liberal delusion that imposing one culture's laws and institutions on another will automatically transform the latter into something that resembles the former.

■ Conservative thinkers have made particularly devastating criticisms of liberal thought by pointing out the extent to which liberalism has failed to grasp that religious belief and nationalist sentiment remain overwhelmingly powerful forces in human affairs.

Now consider how these insights apply to the Iraq war.

The architects of that war have a grand strategic vision: By replacing Saddam Hussein's brutal regime with a government friendly to Western values, the Middle East will be transformed eventually from a region governed by dysfunctional dictatorships and religious fanaticism into an area where democracy, free markets and the rule of law are welcomed rather than despised.

This is, to put it mildly, an ambitious scheme. Consider that the Western world's most knowledgeable Iraq experts were completely wrong about whether Saddam possessed weapons of mass destruction.

Yet the Bush administration claims it makes sense to continue to occupy Iraq on the basis of its views regarding an al-

most infinitely more complicated question: whether Iraq can be transformed into a democracy, and what effect such a transformation would have on the rest of the Middle East.

Now consider the means by which this transformation is supposed to take place: by holding the first real elections in the nation's history, less than two years after the overthrow of Saddam's regime, and while something resembling a civil war continues to be fought in Iraq itself.

Imagine if another nation's military overthrew the United States government, and its leaders announced that, within a year or two, America was going to be transformed into an Islamic republic. It doesn't require one of the great minds of conservative political thought to recognize the absurdity of such a plan. Yet how different is this from what the Bush ad-

ministration proposes to do in Iraq? The Iraq insurgency illustrates the extent to which diverse groups will put aside their desire to kill each other to fight against outsiders who trigger feelings of religious fervor and national pride.

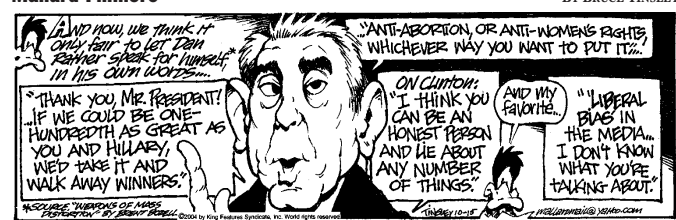
In particular, the suicide bomber — a figure that must remain incomprehensible to those who cling to the shallow rationalism characteristic of so much liberal thought — is someone who classic conservative thinkers would have understood perfectly well.

That the Iraq war is a reckless adventure in utopian internationalism, made possible by the naïveté to which liberal thought has always been prone, would be obvious if it were not being prosecuted by an administration that, in the face of all evidence, calls itself conservative.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Titanic salvages

VA NORFOLK — The company that owns the rights to salvage the Titanic discovered a new field of artifacts from one of the ship's first-class restaurants, including a fully intact champagne bottle.

Salvagers from RMS Titanic Inc. returned with 75 artifacts from the wreck site 2 miles under the North Atlantic off Nova Scotia. The debris field was discovered south of the ship's stern and yielded items including the champagne bottle, a crystal decanter and a wall sconce from the Titanic's A La Carte Restaurant.

The items will be cleaned and incorporated into the salvage company's traveling exhibitions, which are now in Salt Lake City, Philadelphia and Manchester, England.

Milk fight abandoned

VT MONTPELIER — Eastern and Midwest lawmakers have temporarily abandoned their fight — until Congress' upcoming postelection session — to extend a milk subsidy program for two years.

Vermont's congressional delegation said they had support for an amendment to extend the program but House Republican leaders prevented a final vote.

The Milk Income Compensation Loss Program is scheduled to expire a year from now. It has provided about \$45 million dollars to Vermont dairy farmers in the last two years.

Love at the Alamo

TX SAN ANTONIO — Tourists at the Alamo saw something besides historical exhibits at the shrine of Texas independence.

A couple who witnesses say were having sex at the downtown mission landed in jail, according to police.

An Alamo security officer caught the two having sexual intercourse near a public viewing area about 5:30 p.m., a police report stated.

The report said Kristine Nissel, 18, and Matthew Hotard, 19, were partially clad when the officer apprehended them after several tourists watched the couple and became upset.

The pair, both active-duty members of the 232nd Medical Battalion stationed at Fort San Houston, were charged with public lewdness, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Bond was set for each at \$800.

Bias claims go to trial

PA ERIE — A judge has ordered a trial on a federal lawsuit claiming that a physical ability test the city of Erie used for police applicants unfairly discriminated against female candidates.

The Justice Department asked U.S. District Judge Sean McLaughlin to award damages to women who failed the test and order them placed on a preferential hiring list.

The judge refused to grant a summary judgment against the city, saying its defense should be heard at trial.

The Justice Department sued in January, claiming that only 13 percent of female candidates have passed since the test was put into place in 1996, while 71 percent of



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males tested during the same period succeeded.

The city said it now uses a physical test that has different standards depending on an applicant's age and gender, which the Justice Department accepts.

Museum plans to rebuild

MI VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP — Three historic airplanes that survived World War II were pulled to safety as a hangar housing an aircraft museum burned to the ground.

No one was injured in the fire at the Yankee Air Museum in Wayne County's Van Buren Township, 25 miles west of Detroit.

But the fire destroyed the museum's wooden hangar at Willow Run Airport, built by Henry Ford to produce World War II bombers on assembly lines like those used at his automotive plants. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The 50,000-square-foot hangar and its contents — including two airplanes undergoing restoration, photos, books, uniforms, equipment and memorabilia — were destroyed, museum president Jon Stevens told The Ann Arbor News. He estimated the loss at \$5 million.

"In some ways we'll start over, but starting over with a lot more than the original founders," Stevens said. "I have too much

sweat equity in that place, as do a lot of other good people. We'll figure a way to rebuild it."

Shark bites surfer

CA POINT REYES STATION — A surfer was bitten by a shark off the Northern California coast, prompting park officials to close beaches near the site of the attack, authorities

said. The shark bit the leg of the unidentified surfer just off Limantour Beach, about 50 miles north of San Francisco, according to park officials at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The man told authorities the shark, which was between six and eight feet long, released his leg after he hit it on the head. The surfer then paddled to shore on his own, park officials said.

The shark was believed to be a great white.

Park officials closed the waters of Limantour Beach and adjoining Drakes Beach for five days on Sunday. The beaches will be reopened if no more shark sightings are reported.

Shark attack, take two

HI WAILUKU — A 34-year-old Oahu man was in stable condition the day after being bitten by a shark in the face and shoulder while spearfishing off Molokai, authorities and witnesses said.

Davy Sanada had been diving with friends earlier but was spearfishing alone in waters about 400 yards off east Molokai when he was attacked by a shark authorities said.

A witness said she and other bystanders assisted Sanada after hearing him call for help.

"He was waving for help," said Carol Beadle, who lives near the Kupeke Fishpond where Sanada was diving. "I could tell his face was ripped and his shoulder was dislocated."

It's unknown what type of shark attacked Sanada.

Furnace cited in deaths

NY SYRACUSE — A malfunctioning furnace was blamed for the deaths of an older couple who died when the temperature inside their apartment reached 111 degrees, police said.

Onondaga County Medical Examiner Dr. Mary Jumbelic said autopsies on Jean, 67, and Robert Denmark, 66, determined the couple died of environmental hyperthermia.

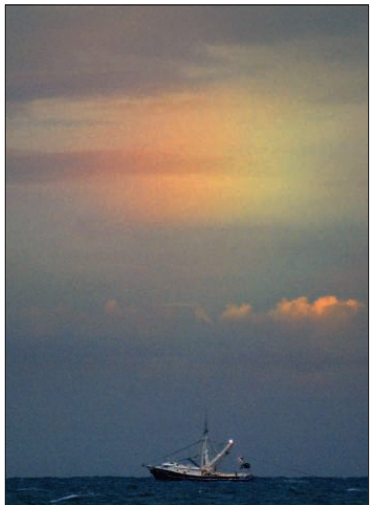
Jumbelic said the couple also suffered from hardening of the arteries, and the husband had diabetes and high blood pressure.

Syracuse Police Lt. Joseph Cecile said foul play was not suspected, and no charges are being filed.

"We felt from the beginning there was nothing suspicious with these deaths," he said.

Niagara Mohawk tested the apartment and found no carbon monoxide. The utility also previously inspected the furnace at the house "and red-tagged" for possibly having a sticky valve.

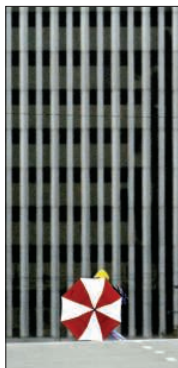
Edward Davis, who owns the house, said temperatures in the apartment had risen that high because someone had turned the thermostat up. The couple lived in the lower apartment of the house and the upstairs is vacant, Davis said.



Last catch of the day A shrimp boat hauls its nets off the coast of Daytona Beach, Fla., as the setting sun adds color to the eastern sky.



I'd hate to see the glass of milk Karen Jones frosts what likely will be a Guinness World Record-setting gingerbread man at East Carolina University. Pending Guinness certification, the nearly 800-pound cookie will eclipse the previous world record-holder by about 400 pounds.



Rain, rain go away

A pedestrian crosses South Boston Avenue as the BOK Tower looms in the background on a rainy day in Tulsa, Okla.



Cultural exchange

Jasmine Pickner, 19, of Rapid City, performs a hoop dance during the Native American Day program at Crazy Horse Memorial, near Custer, S.D.



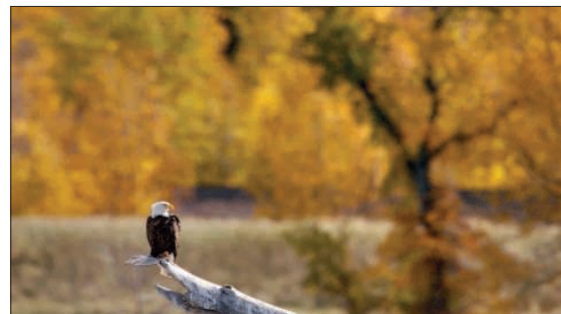
Settling in

Two scimitar-horned oryx explore their new habitat at the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Oryx are native to the northern African savanna and are nearly extinct in the wild.



Fading fast

A biker takes advantage of the nice weather to go for a ride along U.S. Highway 6 in Eagle, Colo. With winter approaching, fall colors are fading fast in the mountain towns.



Taking a breather

With bright fall colors in the background, a bald eagle perches on a dead tree on an island in the Missouri River near Great Falls, Mont.

Expensive maintenance

KY FRANKFORT — The annual operating cost of the Governor's Mansion is raising eyebrows following an investigation that found taxpayers paid the bill for 13 employees and more than \$2,000 for a new mattress.

An analysis of state records by The Louisville Courier-Journal estimated the mansion cost at least \$840,000 to operate between June 1, 2003, and May 30, 2004. The tab prompted some lawmakers to say expenses should get a closer look, especially amid a budget stalemate and tension over a health insurance hike for teachers.

The costs included salaries for three chefs and seven housekeepers, \$16,723 to paint part of the second-floor living quarters, \$2,198 for a new Tempur-Pedic mattress and five new toilets costing \$2,611.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher said he would never make an inappropriate spending request, and he defended the mansion's expenses. He said state finance officials have never challenged a request.

Fletcher and the mansion executive director said they said they have trimmed food costs and increased rental fees for its public spaces.

Campaign contribution

UT BOUNTIFUL — U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop got an unexpected campaign contribution.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee accidentally mailed the freshman Republican lawmaker a computer program to create campaign ads for his 1st Congressional District race.

"This is a cool little campaign toy that could be helpful to our campaign," he said.

While Bishop said he was grateful to the Democratic Party for their kind consideration of his campaign needs, the Republican decided to send it back.

Bishop figured — and the Democrats agreed — the program was intended for the other freshman congressman with the same last name, New York Democrat Tim Bishop.

The irony is not lost on Rob Bishop's Democratic opponent, Steve Thompson, who says he didn't get a copy of the program from his own party.

"I'd like to get one, though, so please tell them to send me one," Thompson said.

Long-delayed arrest

FL MIAMI BEACH — Lynn Smith, 51, was arrested in Maine after 26 years on the run from Miami Beach police for skipping her murder trial. Smith was arrested at her home in Standish by federal, state and county agents. She disappeared in 1976 after being charged with murder the previous year. Smith was a 23-year-old exotic dancer when she was accused of fatally stabbing a 41-year-old man at a South Beach bar.

Tiger dental care

CA SAN DIEGO — A tiger named Awang Relak could help keep his species from becoming extinct, zoo officials say, but first he needs to do something about his teeth.

The 240-pound Indochinese tiger was anesthetized and strapped to a medical table at the

San Diego Zoo so a dentist could clean out pockets of infection and pry smaller teeth away from larger ones.

While that was going on a veterinarian was probing the 3-year-old's private parts, making sure his sperm count is good enough that he'll be able to mate with female tigers when he's released to the zoo.

In about another year he could be ready for a date with Mek Degong, a female tiger that, like Awang Relak, was brought to San Diego from Malaysia's Melaka Zoo.

Tiger species around the world are in danger from poachers and decreasing habitat, but Awang Relak also had other worries. He is missing his canine teeth, and the others are in such bad shape that officials say it is likely he would have starved in the wild.

Six die in fire

PA PHILADELPHIA — Bullet casings and a fire accelerator were found in the rubble of a home where six people — all relatives of a person involved in a drug investigation — died in a blaze, authorities said.

Neighbors said they heard gunshots, an explosion and screams shortly before the fire erupted before dawn at the north Philadelphia home. Police would not comment on those reports or say whether any of the victims was shot. The Medical Examiner's Office has not ruled on the causes of death.

A relative of the victims is part of an investigation by the FBI's Gang Squad, FBI spokeswoman Jerri Williams said. The gutted home was being treated as a murder and arson scene.

"We are attempting to determine if there is a link between the fact that these people were murdered and the fact that their relative is involved in our investigation," she said.

Williams declined to comment further.

Teen might go to jail

NC WILMINGTON — A teenager could get up to 30 days in jail for swearing at a teacher who scolded him for repeated tardiness. Glenn Gattis, 17, and his parents said the misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct is an overreaction. Ashley High School officials declined to comment. Gattis, who was also suspended for three days, has a court hearing scheduled for Oct. 20.

Signs of popularity

OR EUGENE — The signs marking High Street have become a hot commodity and coveted dorm room decoration in these parts.

But what might seem like a sophomore prank is turning into a costly problem for the city, home to the University of Oregon. In the last decade, officials say they've had to replace the sign nearly 350 times.

Besides High Street, the University Street and Westward Ho Avenue signs are also frequently stolen.

The missing street markers are part of a backlog of about 100 signs that city crews will replace in coming months, said Damon Joyner, traffic technical team supervisor for the city.

Officials said last year alone, Eugene spent more than \$50,000 on replacement signs.

Photos and stories from wire services

Horoscope

The Scorpio moon adds a mysterious glow to the atmosphere. Mercury slips into Scorpio as well, where he'll be visiting until Nov. 4.

You may have deeper questions about situations you once took for granted. Curiosity is peaked in regard to the inner workings of things. Knowing what's below the surface seems more important than before.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 15). Your work may be thorough and painstaking, but it pays off in a grand way this year! You'll be so proud of what you've accomplished! The next seven weeks teach you that you can depend on loved ones to generously help you as long as you spell out what you need. Some of you will move to a new house in February. Love signs are Aries and Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Signs are posted to tell you which way to go. It's a matter of tuning your senses to what you are seeing, hearing and feeling. Discern the good opportunities from the ones that seem good but are really only of marginal benefit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make sure that you don't take your loved ones for granted. They are looking to you for support, and any misstep made now will court against you for weeks. You're not the only one who can hold a grudge, you know.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your sign rules the butterfly, and you can be very much like this graceful insect, flying from person to person, enjoying each but not staying long. Give a second look to relationships, keeping an open mind about commitment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're hardly the hasty type, but you are prone to making fast decisions now. You could spontaneously walk out the door in the middle of the workday in order to embark on the next adventure. Loved ones enjoy this new you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If anyone thinks of himself or herself first, there's bound to be a fight. The

conflicts you witness may as well be between kindergarten in the sandbox. It takes someone mature to see a solution. Be that mature someone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be paid well for your skills, but

don't assume that you already know all there is to know about your work. If you let a sense of curiosity and discovery creep back into your process, you'll gain energy and exuberance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some people actually believe that it's dangerous to be happy! Luckily for those people, Libras exist in the world, a reminder that peace, harmony and, yes, happiness can exist under almost any circumstance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're unusually aggressive and will feel like driving fast and drinking big gulps. Careful now! Socially, you're drawn to that good-looking acquaintance, so much so that you could say things you'll later regret.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Benjamin Franklin said it best, "He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else."

Keep your ears peeled for such defenses, and don't let them yourself. There is nothing to justify.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've got a good grasp on the future—it's as if you're standing on top of a mountain on a perfectly clear day, able to see what lies ahead for miles and miles. Look for the long-term possibilities in every opportunity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Loyalties are tested. Stand up for your loved ones. They'll model your behavior and learn how to stand up for themselves. Tonight, go where the interesting people are—it's probably not the most popular spot, by the way.

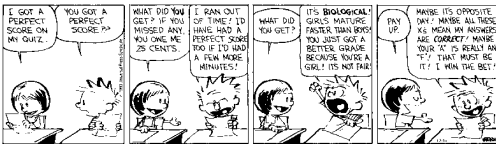
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Little details may get in the way if you allow them to. Avoid snags by maintaining what you've got. Let natural curiosity drive you toward people with potential. And trust that people who are worthwhile will see the potential in you.

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Calvin and Hobbes



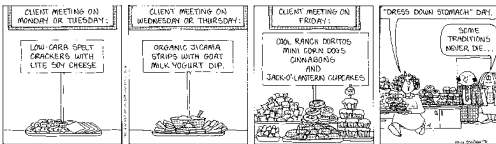
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Red and Rover



Better or Worse



Peanuts



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Baby Bites



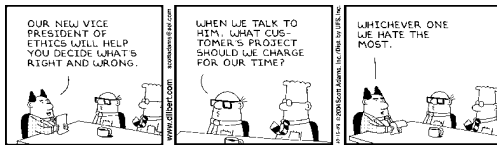
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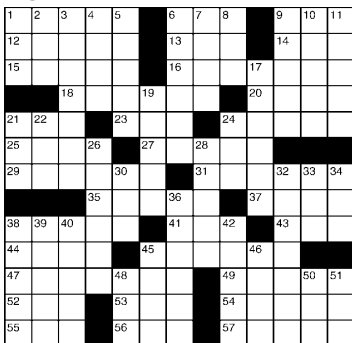
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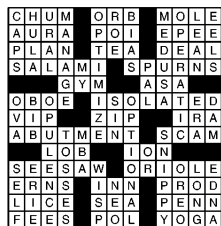
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- 9 Ocean-going refuge
- 12 Sports venue
- 13 Mimic
- 14 Lair
- 15 "John Brown's Body" poet
- 16 Authentic
- 18 Pang
- 20 Ring out
- 21 Copper head?
- 23 Goose egg
- 24 Jolly Roger symbol
- 25 Gladly, old-style
- 27 Whoopi, in "The Color Purple"
- 29 Shine
- 31 Eugene's place
- 35 New
- 37 OAS member
- 38 FCC concern
- 41 Puts one over on
- 43 Bottom line
- 44 A Karamazov brother
- 45 Evolve
- 46 bitterness
- 47 Khan man?
- 49 Supermarket section
- 52 Monster of myth
- 53 Suitable
- 54 Gave it a go
- 55 Reuben holder
- 56 "— for Two"
- 57 Moves gently

Down

- 1 Retriever type
- 2 Previous to
- 3 Elegant
- 4 From square one
- 5 Terence's tongue
- 6 Anserine group
- 7 Thrusting weapon
- 8 Chaps
- 9 Farewell
- 10 Kidney-related
- 11 Ominous ring
- 12 Maintenance
- 19 Cubbyhole
- 21 Matterhorn, e.g.
- 22 Story of a lifetime
- 24 Baronet's address
- 26 Accompanying a drummer?
- 28 "Mean Girls" star
- 30 "No seats left!"
- 32 The start of something big?
- 33 Tramcar contents
- 34 Eccentric
- 36 California mountain
- 38 Severity
- 39 Cartoonist Tex
- 40 Terpsichore's realm
- 42 Emulate Sarah Hughes
- 46 Not green
- 48 Stale Italian bread?
- 49 Chapeau
- 50 Appomattox VIP
- 51 Mag. staffers

Answer to Previous Puzzle



10-15

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A TORTOISE IS SLEEPING, WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOU WITNESSED A NAPPING TURTLE?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals A

Jailed boyfriend facilitates dispute

Dear Abby: My daughter, "Cindy," is 20. She's very attractive, with a great sense of humor. Because of those attributes alone, she could have any terrific young man she wants. However, Cindy has instead made up her mind to "wait for her man" — who will be spending the next five years in federal prison for selling drugs. They became engaged just before he went in. Cindy went into the Navy and graduated. She is being deployed to Iraq next month. Before she leaves, she will visit her fiancé in prison.

I love my daughter, but this has come between us. Our relationship isn't the same as it used to be, and I am afraid that I have lost her. I have exhausted every means to stop Cindy from continuing this relationship. Have you any suggestions I might have overlooked?

— Fighting For My Daughter in Nebraska

Dear Fighting: Yes. Stop fight-

ing. It will only drive your daughter further away. She is going into a war zone, and that kind of experience makes people grow up very quickly. When your daughter returns, she will not be the same little girl who went away — and her priorities and judgments may be very different than they are now. My advice is, don't blow your cool and say something now you'll regret later. Right now, your daughter needs all the support she can get.

Dear Abby: I have been dating "Ronald" for three years. He says he loves me. Ron is still married, but swears it's only so he can keep his wife on his health insurance as he'd promised her. However, they talk every day "as friends" and have a daughter and grandchildren in common.

Ron comes here (to another state) to visit me often, but I have never met his daughter or

grandchildren, and he feels no urgency to introduce us. Ron has met my entire family.

I feel that he is leading two lives and is happy in both worlds. I, on the other hand, feel rejected and that he's ashamed of me and our relationship. I feel left out, on the outside looking in. Any suggestions?

Needs Validation in Oregon
Dear Needs: You have analyzed your situation very well. You ARE on the outside looking in. Whether or not your boyfriend and his wife still dwell under the same roof, they are legally married, and he is providing for her nicely. By staying married to his wife, he has assured that if anything happens to him she will be provided for. Since you have asked for a suggestion, I suggest you take your cues from what Ronald does rather than what he says, and find yourself a boyfriend who is eligible.

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Dear Abby



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HENNA FORGO THROAT PLAQUE
Answer: What the neighbors liked to do on laundry day — "HANG" OUT

Mormon weddings sacred events

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Groom's Heretic Mother," whose son's fiancée, "Stacie," introduced her son to a new religion, and now her family insists his family be excluded from the wedding, which only the most faithful members of their church are allowed to attend. They even brought missionaries to a "get-to-know-you" dinner. You advised the mother to hold a separate reception for all to attend, and you could not have given more sound advice.

I am a member of this same religion: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon).

We believe that families, when married within the walls of the Temple, are not only married "till death do us part," but are sealed together beyond

Annie's Mailbox



the grip of mortal death; we are married for eternity. Because of the sacred and long-lasting nature of marriage and family, we hold it as one of the dearest and most precious doctrines in our religion, and we do not let just anyone witness these events.

May I suggest the couple hold a separate ring ceremony in another building for all to attend? This simple ring ceremony will allow family and friends to be present for part of the wedding.

— Trying To Help in North Dakota

Dear N.D.: We received dozens of gracious and helpful letters from church members. One writer said she and her sister were allowed to witness such a ring ceremony, and wore bridesmaids' dresses and carried flowers, which made them feel as if

they were part of the wedding. Here's one more:

From Utah: Please tell the family that all Mormons are not as hurtful as the bride's family, bringing missionaries to the get-together and not explaining our teachings appropriately.

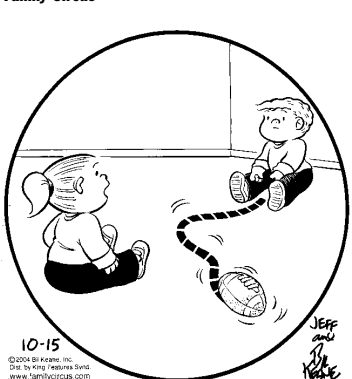
I've been an LDS member since 1967.

The wedding could have been held at the ward by their bishop, so all of the family could witness the happy affair, then on to the Temple where the couple would enter alone while the family and close friends waited in a reception room.

Our church leaders preach tolerance of others' beliefs, not exclusivity.

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Family Circus



"Footballs aren't built for rolling."

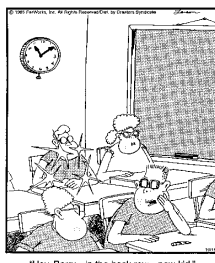


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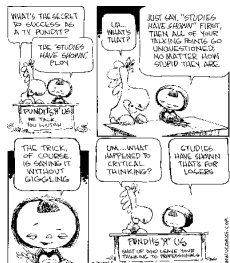


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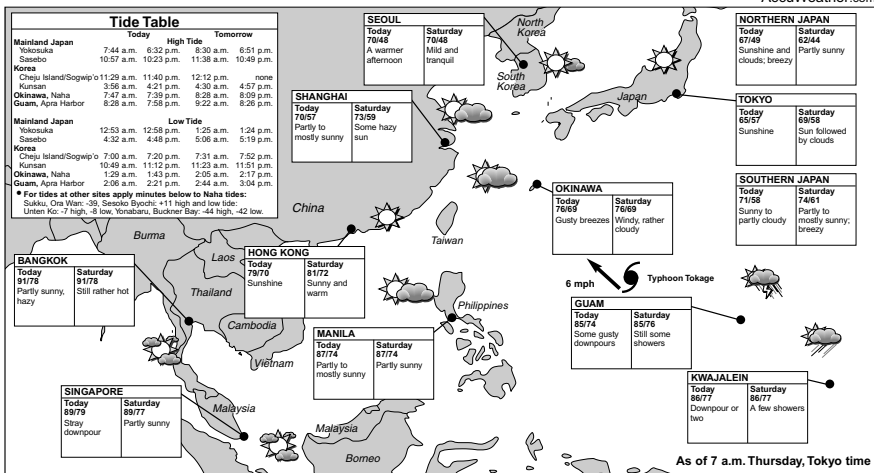
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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high 63, low 52.
Monday: Rain, high 68, low 61.

KADENA

Sunday: Periods of clouds
sunshine, high 78, low 71.
Monday: Partly sunny,
high 80, low 71.

SEOUL

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 68, low 46.
Monday: Partly sunny, high 70, low 46.

MANILA

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 74.
Monday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 74.

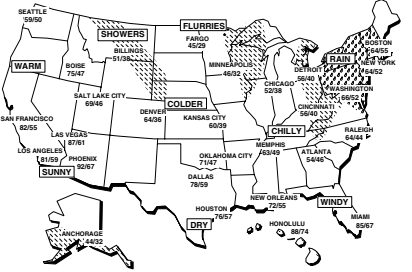
HAGATNA

Sunday: Showers
high 87, low 74.
Monday: Showers
high 87, low 76.

Wednesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Albuquerque	63/36	Los Angeles	81/62
Amarillo	55/37	Little Rock	74/75
Anchorage	64/36	Louisville	77/50
Asheville	70/51	Miami	87/50
Baltimore	64/52	Milwaukee	63/46
Birmingham	66/51	Nashville	60/46
Boston	53/29	New York	69/46
Boise	72/45	Omaha	59/35
Boston	69/52	Orlando	88/38
Brownsville	60/73	Philadelphia	68/50
Buffalo	63/37	Phoenix	93/52
Burlington	90/42	Pittsburgh	64/55
Charleston, SC	73/59	Portland, OR	77/52
Charlotte	83/56	Portland, ME	71/50
Cleveland	63/38	San Lake City	82/44
Columbus, OH	59/48	San Louis	62/46
Duluth	50/31	San Antonio	84/54
El Paso	79/46	San Diego	77/52
Fort Hartford	70/43	San Jose	89/71
Helena	68/35	San Juan	85/65
Indianapolis	69/47	Tulsa	71/42
Jacksonville	66/47	Washington	86/51
Kansas City	55/41	Wichita	66/37

Friday, October 15



U.S. Extended Forecast

A dreary day is in store for much of the East Friday because an area of low pressure will bring rain to the Tennessee Valley and into the Atlantic region. The associated cold front will trigger some showers across New England and a few thunderstorms in the Southeast. Behind this front, another system will make its way across the nation. The front will trigger some showers in the northern Rockies and some morning snow flurries across northern Minnesota. Temperatures will plummet behind the front as an area of high pressure filters in chilly Canadian air. The West will remain warm and dry. The storm system in the East will push through the Northeast Friday night and Saturday.

Friday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY
Bangkok	91/78	Iwakuni
Beijing	72/54	Kadena AB
Camp Casey	70/44	Kunsan AB
Christchurch	62/40	Kwajalein
Diego Garcia	81/73	Manila
Hagatna	85/74	Misawa AB
Hanoi	82/70	Osan
Hong Kong	79/70	Perth
Honolulu	88/74	Pusan

Friday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Acapulco	89/73	Budapest	53/39	Kabul	76/37	Nairobi	79/49
Athens	70/60	Buenos Aires	75/57	Kiev	47/35	New Delhi	87/59
Auckland	70/58	Cairo	91/67	Kuwait	77/71	Oslo	43/32
Bahia	70/58	Cancun	60/48	London	60/48	Paris	79/59
Barbados	92/74	Cape Town	83/59	Madrid	60/44	Rio de Janeiro	73/62
Barcelona	61/48	Geneva	46/34	Mexico City	68/54	Rome	64/46
Berlin	54/38	Istanbul	65/53	Montreal	62/51	St. Petersburg	47/38
Bermuda	54/38	Jerusalem	66/72	Nagasaki	68/72	Singapore	45/30
Brussels	48/34	Johannesburg	77/55	Moscow	42/35	Warsaw	47/39



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NHL fines Thrashers co-owner \$250K for comments on lockout

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL fined one of the owners of the Atlanta Thrashers \$250,000 on Tuesday for saying the league would use replacement players next year if a new collective bargaining agreement isn't reached. The Associated Press has learned.

Steve Belkin, a member of Atlanta Spirit, LLC, the group that bought the Thrashers earlier this year — was given the hefty fine for comments he made over the weekend to the Boston Herald, said an official within the league speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"I deeply regret the comments I made to the Boston Herald, which were my personal and uninformed views, and not those of the Atlanta Thrashers' ownership and management — nor those of the National Hockey League," Belkin said in a statement.

Belkin, a Weston, Mass., businessman, said the NHL had a solution for next fall if a new collective bargaining agreement wasn't reached.

"We are going to try everything we can to resolve this," Belkin told the newspaper in its Sunday edition. "If we reach an impasse and it goes on for a year, we will attempt to bring in other players. That's not good for anyone. That's a last resort."

"But if that's the only alterna-

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tive, say, a year from now, we'll probably proceed with doing that, and then hopefully start building up the caliber of the players over a period of time."

The league's collective bargaining agreement with the players association expired last month, and commissioner Gary Bettman immediately imposed a lockout that threatens the season that was supposed to begin Wednesday night.

Beckham apologizes for intentional yellow card

LONDON — David Beckham apologized Wednesday for the yellow card play that earned him a convenient World Cup suspension. He hopes that will be enough to avoid any punishment and allow him to remain in England's captain.

FFA President Sepp Blatter, who had urged English soccer authorities to take action, welcomed the apology but said it wouldn't necessarily keep Beckham out of trouble.

"It makes a difference," Blatter told BBC Radio. "It will give to those who judge such an action some positive circumstances, but you cannot just forget what has happened."

Beckham knew he would miss

Wednesday's game at Azerbaijan because he broke a rib during Saturday's 2-0 victory over Wales.

Carrying a yellow card from a previous game, he fouled Welsh defender Ben Thatcher so he could serve the automatic ban while injured.

England beat Azerbaijan 1-0 without Beckham, with stand-in captain Michael Owen scoring the only goal. Beckham will start with a clean slate for the next World Cup qualifying games.

"I now know that was wrong and apologize to the Football Association, the England manager, my teammates and all England fans for this," Beckham said.

Gibbs hires Leffler, adds third Nextel Cup entry for 2005

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jason Leffler will drive a third Joe Gibbs Racing entry next year in the NASCAR Nextel Cup series.

Team president J.D. Gibbs said Wednesday that Leffler's Chevrolet will be sponsored by FedEx. Leffler will be a teammate to returning former series champions Tony Stewart and Bobby Labonte.

The 29-year-old Leffler has competed in all three of NASCAR's top divisions as well as the 2000 Indianapolis 500. He won three consecutive U.S. Auto Club national midget titles from 1997-1999 and the 1998 USAC Silver Crown championship.

PGA Tour money leaders

Through Oct. 10

	Money
1. Vijay Singh	\$8,945,566
2. Tiger Woods	\$8,251,886
3. Ernie Els	\$5,629,025
4. Tiger Woods	\$5,471,472
5. Stewart Cink	\$5,347,881
6. Adam Scott	\$5,126,834
7. Steve Stricker	\$5,124,415
8. Davis Love III	\$5,107,592
9. Stephen Ames	\$5,101,670
10. Todd Hamilton	\$5,239,178
11. Stuart Appleby	\$5,231,077
12. Chris DiMarco	\$5,231,627
13. Retief Goosen	\$5,247,323
14. Mike Weir	\$5,231,136
15. Rory Sabbatini	\$5,234,197
16. Steve Frix	\$5,234,189
17. Mark Hensby	\$5,234,379
18. Chad Campbell	\$5,234,377
19. John Daly	\$5,242,557
20. Fred Couples	\$5,234,379
21. Shigeki Maruyama	\$5,231,340
22. Scott Verplank	\$5,231,057
23. K.J. Choi	\$5,182,976
24. Fred Funk	\$5,194,343
25. Jerry Kelly	\$5,181,423

Being a part of another losing team in the Ryder Cup didn't help much, either. Europe won 18½-9½ last month, its fourth victory in five tries.

"I know that it takes a lot of the excitement out of playing when you're on the losing team and you put it into it," Love said. "And it takes, obviously, your confidence away to get beat soundly like that. It kills your confidence."

Maruyama has plenty of confidence coming into this week. He beat Brad Faxon by five shots last year for his third career victory, and he's trying to become the first player to repeat in this tournament since Sam Snead in 1965-66.

"Of course, I want to do that," Maruyama said. "I'm going to be really happy if my name is going to be on the San Siro trophy. I'm always happy when my name is on the board somewhere on the golf course."



Seattle Storm guard Betty Lennox (22) scored a team-high 23 points as the Storm gave Seattle its first major sports championship since the SuperSonics won the NBA championship in 1979.

Game 3, WNBA title are taken by Storm

Donovan becomes first female coach to guide team to league championship

By TIM BOOTH

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Betty Lennox and the Seattle Storm gave the city its first major professional sports title in 25 years — and made Anne Donovan the first female championship coach in WNBA history.

Lennox scored 23 points to lead the Storm to a 74-60 victory over the Connecticut Sun on Tuesday night in the decisive third game of the WNBA Finals.

Fans chanted, "Betty! Betty!" when Lennox stepped to the free-throw line with 2:35 remaining. She made both shots to cap a 33-12 run that made it 71-56.

They changed the chant to "M-V-P! M-V-P!" when she returned to the line with 1:40 to go, and the fans got what they wanted moments later when WNBA Commissioner Val Ackerman told the sellout crowd of 17,072 that Lennox had won the award.

"Coach Donovan knew what this team needed and she saw those crises in me and she took a shot at it and gave me an opportunity," Lennox said.

The previous eight WNBA champions were coached by men — Houston's Val Chancellor (1997-00), Los Angeles' Michael Cooper (2001-02) and Detroit's Bill Laimbeer (2003).

"I think you have to get to that next level before you can get complete respect," Donovan said. "Some of the credibility issues that people are reluctant to give female coaches, this will help."

The Storm, who tied the series with a 67-65 home victory Sunday night after losing the opener in Connecticut, pulled away in the second half behind Lennox to

give Seattle its first major pro championship since the SuperSonics won the 1979 NBA title.

"I never played for a championship in front of my home crowd and that was huge for us," said Sue Bird, who won two national titles at the University of Connecticut. "We had a huge advantage and we worked all year for that."

The league finals were not new territory for Donovan, who took Charlotte to the championship series in 2001.

Hired in Seattle before the 2003 season as coach and director of player personnel, she immediately won the favor of stars Lauren Jackson and Bird, using her experience as a player to develop strong relationships.

On the court, Donovan pressed Jackson and Bird, using her inside force and not rely so much on the outside shot, and allowed Bird to grow as a team leader.

In her first year under Donovan, Jackson was the league MVP.

"Anne Donovan is one of the best coaches in the world. I can't thank her enough for what she's done for me," Jackson said. "I'm so proud to play under her."

Perhaps Donovan's best personnel move was the acquisition of Lennox from Cleveland in the 2003 dispersal draft.

In the league finals, Lennox averaged 22.3 points.

Jackson added 13 points and seven rebounds.

Connecticut's Nykesha Sales, who scored a WNBA Finals-record 32 points in Seattle's Game 2 victory, was 5-for-12 from the field and finished with 18 points. The rest of the Sun starters combined for only 26 points on 7-for-31 shooting.

Love II has designs on Greensboro title

By KEITH PARSONS

The Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Davis Love II plans to stay patient and relaxed, hoping that attitude helps him enjoy this week.

In other words, everything he missed out on last year.

Playing on a course he redesigned several months earlier, Love failed to make the cut in the 2003 Chrysler Classic of Greensboro.

His two-day total of 144 was 15 strokes behind eventual winner Shigeki Maruyama and one shot short of a weekend tie week.

"Last year, there was a lot going on," Love said Wednesday. "The fans have always been very supportive and they want to see me do well. That's probably part of the reason why I haven't done that well here."

Love's little worry about now off the course. His work on the 1962 Ellis Maples course drew rave reviews from the members of Forest Oaks Country Club, and many of his peers chimed in, as well.

All 18 greens were rebuilt and several tees boxes were moved — although not much length was added — to help the layout return to its original feel. Fuzzy Zoeller redded the greens in the early 1990s, and the changes were largely criticized.

"The old redones had a little bit of a clover-shaped, tar-

get-oriented green, so it was kind of like new-style greens on an old-style golf course," Jim Furyk said. "And what Davis has done here, there are some different greens out there. But it looks a little bit more natural now, I think."

Love admitted his work on the course was mostly for the members, and he realizes all the professionals won't like what he did.

"It's like 150 guys all go to an art gallery, we're going to like different things," he said. "I've had guys come up teasingly and say, 'every hole has a false front. Well, yeah, the uphill holes all have a false front, but the downhill holes don't.'"

With the debut of his efforts out of the way, Love wants to get back to winning tournaments. He had five victories last year — including The Players Championship — and finished third on the money list with more than \$6 million.

He's earned less than half that much in 2004, and more importantly, he hasn't won since last August in The International.

He has eight top 10s in 21 tournaments.

"Sold a year, not great," Love said. "I'm kind of at a crossroads. I could make a lot of money and not really move up that much, so it's really just about trying to get a win. After this week, other than the Tour Championship, I'm not sure how much I'm going to play."

Happy Rice hoping Raiders will trade him

The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Jerry Rice spent his 42nd birthday defending his ability to catch passes again. That's the umpteenth time already this season.

His complaining is becoming a weekly occurrence. "I'm not trying to force anything, but, you know, it doesn't make any sense for me to stay here if things continue going this way," Rice said Wednesday, reiterating he'd like to be traded.

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"I didn't envision what's going down right now. I pretty much was under the impression I was going to be a big factor this year, be a part of the offense and have opportunities to make plays."

Rice, who claims he was never told he'd have such a diminished role, told a Sacramento radio station Tuesday that he expected to be traded before the Oct. 19 deadline would occur, because the chance to play elsewhere because he "can't go out this way."

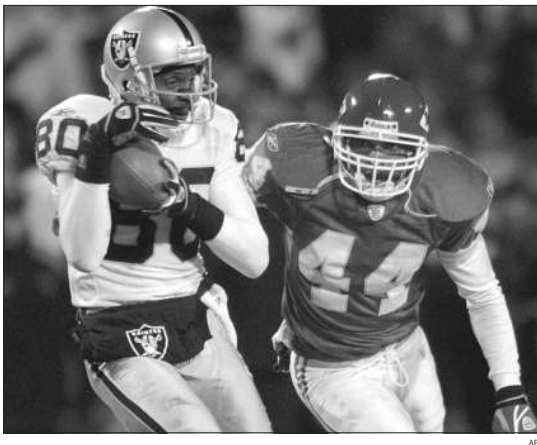
There also have been rumors about a trade with the Lions that would reunite Rice with his former San Francisco coach, Steve Mariucci.

Raiders' senior personnel executive Michael Lombardi denied there is a trade in the works.

And Mariucci said Wednesday he'd read about Rice's situation, but that the Lions were committed to developing their young receiving corps.

"That's where we headed," he said. "We're headed forward with these guys. The trade deadline is next week. I got a lot of trades go in on football. There are some rumors about several receivers and other players, too, but we haven't given it a lot of serious consideration only because we're committed to our guys right now and headed in a certain direction where guys are going to be here for several years."

Rice, the NFL's career leader in catches and touchdowns, has just five receptions for 67 yards



Raiders wide receiver Jerry Rice (80) said he wants to be traded to a team that will better utilize his talents.

and no touchdowns, and his record streak of 274 consecutive games with a catch ended in a 13-10 win over Buffalo in Week 2. He threw a tantrum on the sideline after that game.

He compared his current situation to the one he faced with the 49ers four years ago when they let him go and decided to give their young receivers more opportunities.

"It's not up to me to fix it. If I did that, then I would be running the team," Rice said, laughing. "You know what, I look at the situation and it's always a business. That's the way I've approached it. Sometimes you're just called a bad hand. If I have to leave, I have to go. That's the bottom line. If I go to another team, then I'm going to do everything possible to help

that team to win."

Plummer to remove sticker; NFL ads will honor Tillman

DENVER — Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer agreed Wednesday to stop wearing a sticker on his helmet in memory of an ex-teammate killed in the war in Afghanistan, and the NFL agreed to find other ways to honor the slain soldier.

Plummer faced NFL fines for wearing the small No. 40 sticker on his helmet last Sunday in memory of Pat Tillman, who played with Plummer at Arizona State and on the Arizona Cardinals.

Tillman quit football to join the Army Rangers. In April, he was killed in combat in Afghanistan.

The NFL agreed to play public-service spots in stadiums on

Veterans Day that Plummer will record on behalf of the Pat Tillman Foundation.

Panthers All-Pro DT Jenkins out for season

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — All-Pro defensive tackle Kris Jenkins will miss the rest of the season to a shoulder injury, the fourth important Carolina Panther sidelined by injury.

The defending NFC champions are already without top receiver Steve Smith (broken leg) and No. 2 running back DeShaun Foster (broken collarbone). Star running back Stephen Davis has also missed three games with a knee injury, leaving Carolina (1-3) thin on talent.

Jenkins' loss will be hard for Carolina to overcome. The defen-

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis. (See Saturday's edition for complete injury report provided by the league):
Jesse Wirt Santana Moss (hamstring) questionable.
Redskins LB LaVar Arrington (knee) questionable.

sive line has struggled after two years of dominating run defense.

But the Panthers have struggled to stop any backs this season, including fullback Rueben Droughns, who ran for 193 yards in Denver's win last week.

Defensive tackle Brentson Buckner, who didn't play last week because of a knee injury, is questionable for Sunday's game at Philadelphia.

Fiedler uncertain about status

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins quarterback Jay Fiedler said Wednesday he's uncertain whether a cracked rib will prevent him from playing Sunday at Buffalo.

If Fiedler doesn't start, A.J. Feeley said he'll be ready to step in.

Both were listed questionable on the injury report, but Feeley was more optimistic after recovering from a concussion during Sunday's 24-10 loss at New England.

Fiedler said he won't know until later this week how much he'll be hampered by the cracked rib he suffered Oct. 3 against the New York Jets.

In other team news, the Dolphins signed kicker Matt Bryant, who is expected to play Sunday at Buffalo in place of Olindo Mare, who is sidelined with an injured right calf.

Bills release WR Shaw

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Veteran wide receiver Bobby Shaw was released by winless Buffalo on Wednesday.

Shaw, a seven-year veteran, had been the Bills third-down receiver, and was coming off a season in which he had career highs of 56 catches and 732 yards receiving, and matched a career high with four touchdowns.

He had managed just five catches for 59 yards this season.

As Packers' right-hand man, Green has dropped ball

By ARNIE STAPLETON

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — This was the year Ahman Green was going to be the heart of Green Bay's offense, with Brett Favre playing a supporting role. The Packers had visions of winning a championship as John Elway did twice with the Terrell Davis in Denver.

Those plans have changed. Green keeps fumbling, opponents have adjusted to stopping the run, and a sieve-like defense has forced the Packers to throw more than they would like.

Since rushing 33 times for 119 yards in Green Bay's opening win at Carolina, Green's carries have fallen to 24, 17, 15 and 10 in his last four games, all losses.

He hasn't reached the end zone

since scoring three times in the opener, and his yards have dipped from 128 in Week 2 — when his fumble led to a game-turning 95-yard touchdown return by Chicago — to 67, 58 and 33.

He looks nothing like the running back who gained 1,887 yards and scored 20 touchdowns a year ago, and consequently, the Packers look nothing like a team that came within an overtime loss at Philadelphia of reaching the NFC title game in January.

The Tennessee Titans brought the league's worst run defense into Lambeau Field on Monday night, giving up more than five yards a carry. But the Packers had just five yards total at half-time, and Green finished with only 33 yards on 10 runs in the Ti-

tans' 48-27 victory.

After Chris Brown had given Tennessee a 14-0 lead with two long touchdowns runs, Green ended the Packers' second drive with his fourth fumble of the season.

Green's greatest flaw is his insistence on always carrying the ball in his left arm, which provides opponents a true target and doesn't allow him to fend off pursuers with stiff arms.

The Packers have learned to live with this because Green, who fumbled seven times in the first nine games last season, has never shown a determination to learn how to switch hands without coughing up the ball even more.

Coched Mike Sherman, who coached Green on the sideline after his fumble, has said repeat-

edly this season that switching hands isn't something the Packers are going to experiment with again because Green was so bad at it the last time they tried.

Benching Green isn't an option, either, because "he does too many good things," Sherman said.

So, the only thing they can do is work with him and remind him of how he held onto the ball down the stretch last season, when he went the final nine games and 246 touches without putting the ball on the ground.

"We will work diligently on that part of the game," Sherman said. "We couldn't have talked more this week about how important in this ballgame not turning the ball over and getting take-aways was. We talked about it

every day, at every meeting."

The Packers, though, had six turnovers.

The Packers hope to become just the ninth team to reach the playoffs after starting 1-4.

"I guess now we find out what we're made of," Green said.

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No. 2 Oklahoma not out for revenge vs. Kansas St.

BY JEFF LATZKE

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Revenge isn't a word second-ranked Oklahoma is using often this week heading into its game against Kansas State. Try preparation.

The Sooners were thoroughly beaten the last time they faced the Wildcats, and the loss is still grating on them. But don't count on vengeance becoming too big a part of their vocabulary.

"I'm never been back on that, and I think our players understand that, too," coach Bob Stoops said Tuesday. "There's been a lot of people who want revenge on us or other people. Revenge doesn't do much."

"I think it gets down to execution, your focus, your intensity, your respect for the other team and being prepared to play."

Oklahoma was cruising along with 12 straight victories and rampant national championship talk as it headed into the Big 12 championship game last season. Math whizzes even figured out that a loss wouldn't cost the Sooners a shot at the national title.

That didn't stop Kansas State

from relentlessly attacking a hobbled Jason White and unleashing tailback Darren Sproles for 235 yards rushing, including a 60-yard TD run in a 35-7 victory.

"We flat out got beat," White said. "You can't say much about them. They played better than we did. They made plays. We didn't."

Perhaps the Sooners could have forgotten about it if they had gone on to beat LSU and won the national title. Instead, LSU used K-State's formula and sent the Sooners home with two straight losses.

"It's in our guts. We can't lie," cornerback Eric Bassey said. "We're not going to deny that. We didn't feel like we played our best game. We didn't feel like they should have beat us better. We felt like we had the actual team and we didn't play up to our capabilities."

So instead of celebrating, Oklahoma spent the offseason watching films of the losses and looking for ways to get better.

For Sooners players, those images overshadow that Kansas State (2-3, 0-2 Big 12) has struggled so far this season.

"In the back of your mind,



Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops hugs RB Adrian Peterson after beating Texas 12-0 in Dallas on Saturday. Peterson rushed for 225 yards.

you're thinking about how well they played against us and how poorly we played," White said.

The Sooners (5-0, 2-0) aren't spending too much time looking backward. They're focused on not letting it happen again.

"You can't do nothing but think about it and things you could have done better," White said. "You can't go back and change it. You can only get better from it."

This year's game will have some similarities, but many differ-

ences. Once again, Oklahoma comes in on a roll and the Wildcats have three blemishes on their record. Stoops will again face former mentor Bill Snyder, and White and Sproles return as the most recognizable offensive stars.

But the differences start there. No conference title will be at stake and the game will be at Kansas State instead of a somewhat-neutral Kansas City site.

More importantly, the Sooners have the country's fourth-leading rusher, Adrian Peterson, at running back and the Wildcats are without departed quarterback Eli Roberson.

Also, the Wildcats haven't had time to rebound from their losses and build momentum heading into the game. Instead, they will be looking to turn their season around.

And one last thing: Oklahoma has a really big reason not to overlook the Wildcats this time.

"More than anything, they have our attention and we recognize them as a strong opponent, a team that is very capable and a team that beat us a year ago," Stoops said.

"We've got to play better. I look at it more that way than revenge."

Despite 19-game win streak, Seoul remains wary of Osan

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

Despite 20-0 and 47-0 victories in Seoul American, only games this season, Falcons coach Julian Harden insists his team has been fortunate to win both contests.

"It has not been easy for us," he said, pointing out that Seoul's foes were down by turnovers and penalties.

The Falcons, who celebrate homecoming this week, can extend their winning streak to 20 games on Saturday at home against Osan American, which lost by 20 on Sept. 18 in the league opener.

Seoul, aiming for its fourth straight league title, has the second-longest winning streak in the Pacific.

Harden is not expecting an easy game. "Osan is going to come prepared for us," Harden said. "I know they won't be the same team that faced us the first time. I expect a different Osan team to come here to pound us. Yesterday was yesterday. It's a new day."

Said Osan coach Tony Alvarado: "It's Seoul's homecoming and we want to spoil it."

In Seoul's 47-0 victory over Taegu last Saturday, the Warriors surprised the Falcons by recording an outside kickoff to open the game. Taegu had three drives short-circuited by penalties.

A flurry of penalties and three Osan fumbles made matters easier for the Falcons last month. "When we sit back and review tapes, I point out places where anybody got tired, missed a block, a tackle, a penalty, a pass they could have caught," Harden said. "Any lapse at all could be costly. And you never know when it's going to be."

Alvarado has emphasized the same thing to his players in this week's practices.

"We've stressed perfection," he said. "No mistakes. No penalties. ... If a player takes a play off, [his opponent] could make the tackle and stop the play."

Since their first meeting, Osan's Terry Stephens ran for a Korea-record 327 yards and four TDs in a 26-0 win over Taegu on Oct. 2.

Harden said he doesn't want his team to focus solely on Stephens.



JOSEPH GORDON/Stars and Stripes

Seoul American junior quarterback Bruce Voelker is 17-for-21 for 346 yards and six TDs this season.

"I don't know if we can ever stop him, but if we can slow him down, not [let him] get that extra yard, keep him out of his rhythm, not change direction, not give him that sideline where he has good speed," Harden said. "We're not going to be falling asleep at the wheel, assuming they won't pass."

Alvarado indicated Falcons junior quarterback Bruce Voelker is his greatest worry. Voelker is 17-for-21 for 346 yards and six TDs this season — including 11-for-11 for 247 yards and five scores against Taegu.

"We have to put pressure on him," Alvarado said. Players on Seoul's line are "very good at staying at home and giving their quarterback all day to pick and choose and decide where he wants to throw. If we pressure Bruce, it will go our way. If he has all day to throw, watch out."

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High school football scoreboard

Japan Football League

	W L Pct PP FA
Yokohama	4 0 1.000 36 6
Nile C. Kinnick	3 1 .750 38 33
Robert D. Edgren	1 3 .250 41 137
Zama American	0 4 .000 40 112

Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools

	W L Pct PP FA
Yokohama	3 0 1.000 36 6
Nile C. Kinnick	3 1 .750 38 33
Yokohama	1 3 .250 28 116
American School in Japan	0 4 .000 18 121

Friday's game

Yokohama at Zama American, 7 p.m.
Robert D. Edgren at Zama American, 7 p.m.

Saturday's game

Friday, Oct. 22
Zama American at Robert D. Edgren, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
Nile C. Kinnick at American School in Japan, 1 p.m.

Okinawa Activities Council

	W L Pct PP FA
Kadena Islanders	4 0 1.000 111 41
Kubasaki Samurai	3 1 .750 118 58
Kadena Buccaneers	1 3 .250 50 58
Kubasaki Shogun	0 4 .000 40 78

Tuesday's game

Kadena Islanders at Kubasaki Buccaneers 14, makeup of scheduled Oct. 8 game
Friday's game
Kadena Buccaneers at Kubasaki Samurai, 5 p.m.
Kadena Islanders at Kubasaki Shogun, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 22

Kubasaki Samurai at Kubasaki Shogun, 3 p.m.
Kadena Buccaneers at Kubasaki Shogun, 7 p.m.

End of regular season

Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam

	W L Pct PP FA
x-Father Duenas Memorial	5 0 1.000 105 32
Amson Sanchez	3 2 .600 118 58
George Washington	3 2 .600 118 58
Sanchez vs. Guam High	2 1 .500 26 20
Guam High	2 3 .400 98 86
John F. Kennedy	2 3 .400 114 114
Guam Int'l Christian Acad.	0 6 .000 40 280

x-cluded regular season play, first-round bye in island playoffs.

Father Duenas Memorial at George Washington, 10 p.m.

Sanchez vs. John F. Kennedy, 10 p.m.

Sanchez vs. Guam High at Naval Station, 10 p.m.

End of regular season

Korean-American Interscholastic Activities

	W L Pct PP FA
Seoul American	2 0 1.000 67 0
Taegu American	1 1 .500 67 0
Taegu American	1 1 .500 67 0

Saturday's game

Seoul American at Seoul American, 2 p.m.
Seoul American at Taegu American, 2 p.m.

The Top Ten

The Top Ten teams in the Stars and Stripes 2004 Far East high school football ratings, with records through Oct. 12, points and last week's rating, as compiled by Dave Ornauer, are listed below. The ratings are based primarily on teams' win-loss records, quality of wins, strength of overall roster, point differential, team and individual statistics, strength of schedule and strength of league. Maximum rating is 150 points.

Record PP FA

1. Yokohama (Japan)	5-0 452 3
2. Father Duenas Mem. (Guam)	5-0 425 2
3. American School in Japan	4-0 424 3
4. Seoul American	2-0 424 4
5. Kubasaki Samurai (Okinawa)	3-0 404 8
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7. Simon Sanchez (Guam)	3-0 389 7
8. George Washington (Guam)	3-0 372 8
9. Osan American (S. Korea)	1-1 360 -

Week 7 outlook

Friday, Oct. 15

Kadena Islanders 24, Kubasaki Shogun 8
Kubasaki Samurai 18, Kadena Buccaneers 16

Saturday, Oct. 16

Robert D. Edgren 17, American School in Japan 10
Seoul American 20, Osan American 10
Father Duenas Memorial 23, George Washington 10
John F. Kennedy 21, Southern 8
Simon Sanchez 11, Guam High 11

Last week: 1-1, 3-5
Season: 33-1, 3-25

Week 6 grid honors

Kadena Buccaneers — Tyler Schmitt 179 yards total offense, two TDs (5-for-20, 134 yards, two TDs; 45 yards, 10 carries), Daniel Hernandez 136 yards rushing, 12 yards TD, Kadena Islanders — Scott Mathiasy 166 yards total offense, two TDs (5-for-147, 167 yards, two TDs; 49 yards, 11 carries), 43 yards TD, Keith Loving 185 all-purpose yards, 1 TD, one interception

Kubasaki Samurai — Justin Daugherty 153 yards total offense, two TDs (5-for-147, 167 yards, two TDs; 49 yards, 11 carries), 43 yards TD, Keith Loving 185 all-purpose yards, 1 TD, one interception

Yokohama — Shamari Howell 158 all-purpose yards, two TDs (5-for-147, 167 yards, two TDs; 49 yards, 11 carries), 43 yards TD, Keith Loving 185 all-purpose yards, 1 TD, one interception

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Guam High — Doug Bloom 167-for-1, 53 yards, one TD

Beltran, Walker second to no one

No. 2 hitters will play vital roles in NLCS

By R.B. FALLSTROM

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — On most teams, the No. 2 hitter does the little things to help a team win.

Not the 2s in the NLCS. Carlos Beltran and Larry Walker batted .435 with four home runs and nine RBIs in the division series, and St. Louis' Larry Walker is a three-time batting champion who homered twice in the first round.

They are looking to drive in runs, not move up runners or set the table.

"I've always had a good third-place hitter that was dangerous," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "So, if you put a 2 guy in front of him that creates problem for the other side because they know 3 is waiting."

It adds a lot, especially in that first inning.

Both were key acquisitions for the postseason run. The Cardinals' Walker, from the Colorado Rockies in early August and the Astros plucked Beltran from the Royals in June.

"You add him to your club, he's a five-tool player," Houston manager Craig Biggio said. "There are not many five-tool players anymore."

Both make power-packed lineups even more dangerous. Beltran gives the Astros another name that fits in a lineup already filled with Killer B's, and the Cardinals shored Walker, who has batted third virtually his entire career, into the top of the order because there was no place else to put him.

La Russa also considered batting Walker fourth and pushing Scott Lomax and Tim Lincecum, the fourth and fifth hitters, down a notch.



Larry Walker arrived in St. Louis in August and immediately found a home as the No. 2 hitter in the Cardinals' powerful lineup.

Walker would have none of it, preferring not to upset the order.

The only change was Edgar Renteria moving to the sixth slot, where he's hit much of his career.

"One of the neat things about Larry in that 2 spot is he's a very intelligent hitter and a lot of times with the 2 hole, especially, you've got to be smart," La Russa said. "In a lot of ways he's an ideal 2 hitter if you like damage from the 2 spot."

Walker, 37, became the first Canadian-born player to get 2,000 hits earlier this season, but he's in the postseason for only the second time after a nine-year absence. He batted .333 in the first round against Los Angeles after contributing 11 homers and 27 RBIs in 44 games after the Aug. 6 trade for three prospects.

"We were kind of like, 'Good God, what else do the Cardinals need?'" Biggio said.

Beltran is 10 years younger than Walker and appears to be entering his prime after hitting 38 homers and driving in 104 runs this year. Walker is among his admirers.

"He's a lot younger and he's in better shape," Walker said. "He's probably better-looking. Maybe I was that player 10 or 11 years ago."

Beltran is coming off a huge game in the Astros' Game 5 clincher over Atlanta in which he went 4-for-5 with two homers and five RBIs.

"All this year has been a dream, you know," Beltran said.

Mourning, glory for Rivera

Reliever's inner strength was the story of Game 1

Steve Wilstein



SOMEHOW the night, laden with so much drama and history, seemed destined to distill down to the inevitable confrontation: Mariano Rivera once again choking off the Boston Red Sox.

He was there on the mound when the Yankees desperately needed him, as they so often have, making the long journey Tuesday from funeral to field, Panama to New York, exhausted, emotionally spent yet no less effective than ever.

His day began with hymns, prayers and tears, yet there he was at Yankee Stadium at close to midnight, taking a final nap back to the mound to start a game-ending double play and save a 10-7 victory in Game 1 of the American League Championship Series.

Did anyone expect anything else?

"It took a lot for him to go out there tonight," Yankees captain Derek Jeter said. "He's the most mentally tough person I've ever played with."

Great athletes sometimes play their best when they are suffering grief or illness. They summon inner strength, a higher level of concentration. Or perhaps, like Rivera, they lean on their faith.

Jeff Brett responded that way last year when his father died.

Pete Sampras served aces through his tears when his coach was diagnosed with cancer.

Rivera went through much of a five-hour flight from Panama and arrived in the second inning, his mere presence enough to inspire the Yankees to a four-run surge in the third.

For a while, it looked as if his arm would not be needed. Curt Schilling, who had planned on shutting down the Yankees and shutting up their fans, got shelled and was gone after that ugly third inning.

By the end of the sixth, the Yankees were up 8-0, Mike Mussina brilliant with a perfect game going. He threw his eighth strikeout to start the seventh inning and few fans could envision a call for Rivera in this game.

He had entered the bullpen in the fifth inning, receiving hearty hugs from his teammates and cheers from the crowd. He was smiling, probably for the first time since losing a brother that two of his wife's relatives had died from electrocution when a cable fell in the pool at Rivera's home in Panama.

He had flown to the funeral and back by a private jet hired by the Yankees, but with Mussina cruising there seemed little reason for Rivera to be more than just a spectator along with 56,135 others.

The Red Sox, though, have one of the most explosive lineups in baseball. They finally lit up Mussina with two doubles and two singles and sent him to the showers with a well-earned round of cheers. Jason Varitek's two-run homer off reliever Tanyon Sturtze made it 8-5, and a suddenly nervous Yankee Stadium crowd had a good reason to quiet down.

When Boston scored two more runs in the eighth to make it 8-7, Yankees manager Joe Torre didn't hesitate a moment about going to Rivera, the most dominant reliever in playoff history and a personal nemesis of the Red Sox.

With the crowd standing and cheering, Rivera jogged in from the bullpen with David Ortiz on third after a two-run, two-out triple off Tom Gordon, who would have been the Yankees' closer had Rivera not returned.

"I just was thinking, what can possibly be going through his head right now?" the Yankees' Gary Sheffield said.

Everyone else was thinking the same thing.

But Rivera's mind was clear. He wanted to be home with his family, but he had a job to do.

"It was tough," he said, adding that the prayers of his families and friends had helped him get through the day. "I wanted to pitch. I wanted to be there. My teammates needed me there."

When Torre gave Rivera the ball, Jeter draped his right arm over Rivera's left shoulder and told him simply, "Get him out."

Four pitches later, Rivera got Kevin Millar to pop up harmlessly to short.

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The Yankees gave Rivera wiggle room in the bottom of the eighth, scoring two runs for a 10-7 lead. Rivera didn't need the extra runs. One pitch in the ninth got him the win, a pop up by Trot Nixon. After singles by Varitek and Orlando Cabrera, Rivera ended the game by getting Bill Mueller to tap back to the mound.

Rivera grabbed the ball and whirled to second to start a double play that closed out the Red Sox once more.

"I don't think I trust anybody more than I trust Mariano," Torre said. "When he tells you he's OK, he's OK. Sometimes in situations like this, everything he's been through and his wife, Clara, has been through for the last few days, being back in uniform and out there, maybe it's a chance for him to hide for an hour or so."

It was a chance, Torre meant, for Rivera to escape the tragedy for a little while. Rivera's way of doing that was to pitch his heart out for his teammates and the fans who have come to rely on him for nearly a decade. In those few minutes on the mound, he showed again the strength of character that has allowed him to be crucial to his success than his strength of his arm.

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Caminiti tribute planned for NLCS

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Following the Houston Astros' first postseason series victory in club history, teammates want to remember former slugger Ken Caminiti.

The tribute for Caminiti, who died in an apparent heart attack in New York last weekend, is scheduled for Saturday's National League Championship Series game against the St. Louis Cardinals at Minute Maid Park.

St. Louis officials told the Houston Chronicle late Tuesday that details of the remembrance have not been finalized.

Caminiti played for the Astros twice over a 15-year career in which he struggled with substance abuse and legal troubles. He checked himself into a rehabilitation clinic in 2000. In Novem-



Caminiti

ber 2001, he was arrested at a South-west Freeway motel in Houston and charged with possession of more than a gram of cocaine. He was sentenced to three years' probation in 2002.

After Caminiti failed four drug tests during his probation, it was revoked Oct. 5. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, but was given credit for the 189 days he had served in jail or in drug treatment programs and was released.

Caminiti, who broke into the major leagues with Houston in 1987, was traded to San Diego in 1995. He was the 1996 National

League Most Valuable Player and won three Gold Gloves for fielding prowess.

A cause of death is still pending for Caminiti, 41. It will be released in a week to four weeks when toxicology and tissue tests are completed, said Ellen Borakove, spokeswoman for the New York City Medical Examiner's Office.

The former All-Star third baseman had been upset in his final days, eager to put his troubles behind him, said his lawyer, Terry Yates. He added that the ex-athlete wanted to go to Montana to work on a land development project and think about his life.

"He was going to relax, get back to nature," Yates told the newspaper in Wednesday's editions. "He was going to do some bow hunting."

Judge rules against company storing Ted Williams' remains

The Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — The Scottsdale chronics firm holding the remains of baseball Hall of Famer Ted Williams has been ordered to make public court records it had hoped to keep sealed.

Alcor Life Extension Foundation has never publicly acknowledged keeping Williams' remains, but the facility is widely known to be the one where Williams' body was sent.

Williams' nephews, John and Samuel Williams, sued Alcor to force the organization to show whether it obtained legal permission to store the body. Alcor had sought to keep the documents sealed.

But Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Thomas Dumevant III ruled against Alcor, saying it's already "public knowledge" Williams' body is stored at the facility.

A timeline for the disclosure of the documents has not been set, said the nephews' attorney John Heer.

Legal permission to store the remains is required under the Arizona Anatomical Gift Act. A former Alcor manager has claimed the company didn't have proper authorization to freeze Williams' remains.

The nephews are among family and friends of Ted Williams who have sought to have the remains of the famed Boston Red Sox slugger cremated.

SPORTS



Jerry Rice expects to be dealt before next week's trade deadline, Page 28



AP

Yankees starter Mike Mussina retired the first 19 batters Tuesday in what he called "the best six innings I've had all year." He gave up four runs in 6 2/3 innings.



AP

Curt Schilling, who led the majors with 21 wins, allowed six runs in three innings and was hampered by an ankle injury that could sideline him for the rest of the ALCS.

Yankees win opening act

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mariano Rivera's day had been filled with so much sadness, a funeral for rela-

tives in Panama followed by a lonely flight back. Then, after the New York Yankees' lead dwindled from eight runs to one, the bullpen doors in left-center field swung open and out he came.

His teammates needed him, the fans expected him and the situation demanded him. And so the greatest closer in baseball put aside his grief just long enough to do what he does best: save the day.

Rivera stopped the surging Boston Red Sox yet again Tuesday. He got Kevin Millar to pop out to strand the tying run at third base



AP

Mariano Rivera attended a funeral for two relatives in Panama on Tuesday afternoon, then recorded his 31st postseason save that night.

in the eighth inning, then finished a thrilling 10-7 win for the Yankees in the AL championship series opener.

"I came here and my friends, my teammates treated me like a king, and that was something special," Rivera said, even more soft-spoken than usual. "I wanted to stay home and stay with my family, but I have a job to do, and I have 24 players that were waiting for me."

On a night that generated the kind of excitement expected from these great rivals, Hideki Matsui tied an ALCS record with five RBIs, four off Curt Schilling. The Boston ace allowed six runs in three innings and isn't sure whether his aching ankle will keep him out of the rest of the series, which continues Wednesday



AP

New York's Hideki Matsui tied an ALCS record with five RBIs in the Yankees' 10-7 victory in Game 1.

nights with Boston's Pedro Martinez pitching against Jon Lieber. It will be Martinez's first start in New York since he called the Yankees "my daddy" last month.

"I expect him to be on. We need him to be," said Red Sox leadoff hitter Johnny Damon, who struck out four times in the opener. "There's no way we can come back to Boston down 2-0."

A rematch that has been anticipated since Aaron Boone's

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11th-inning homer off Tim Lincecum won Game 7 last year began with Mike Mussina retiring the first 19 batters and New York opening an 8-0 lead.

"It was like it was too good to be true," New York manager Joe Torre said.

Sure was.

Mark Bellhorn doubled on a drive that hit the left-field wall on a hop. After Bellhorn's hit on Mussina's 86th pitch, Millar had a two-run double with two outs and

scored on a single by Trot Nixon. Tanyon Sturtze relieved and Jason Varitek hit a two-run homer on his third pitch, pulling the Red Sox to 2-5.

David Ortiz made it 8-7 with a two-run triple in the eighth against Tom Gordon, a ball that popped out of Matsui's glove near the top of the wall. That's when the crowd got up to welcome Rivera, perhaps the biggest factor in New York's six pennants and four World Series titles since 1996.

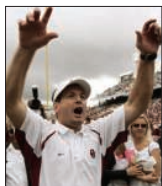
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